
CANADIAN BROADCAST STANDARDS COUNCIL

PRAIRIE REGIONAL PANEL

CKND-TV (Global Manitoba) re *Jack Van Impe Presents*

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THE FACTS

Jack Van Impe Presents is an American religious program hosted by televangelist Jack Van Impe and his wife Rexella that is broadcast by Global Manitoba (CKND-TV) on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. The majority of the program consists of Rexella reading the week's headlines from various news sources, followed by Jack quoting Bible scriptures which he suggests describe and predict the world events mentioned by Rexella. Most of the events mentioned involve conflict and military action in various parts of the world, but particularly Russia, the Middle East, China and other parts of Asia. Rexella's commentary is generally accompanied by a visual image of the article or headline in question and a related image in the background. For example, when the article is about nuclear weapons, there is often an image of missiles in the background; when a world leader is mentioned, a photograph of the individual is usually shown. Each episode reviewed for this decision also contained a promotional spot for a DVD produced by Van Impe Ministries.

A viewer first sent the CBSC a general complaint about the program on January 25, 2009 (the full text of all correspondence can be found in Appendix B). The viewer was concerned that the program "continually spreads hate and warns us about impending doom and the end of the world. Mr. Van Impe tries to connect Bible prophecies with today's news. He continually (every week) warns us that Iran, Russia, China, Korea are all out to destroy America." The complainant suggested that the program was similar to

an evangelical program he had encountered as a child called *The World of Tomorrow* by preacher Garner Ted Armstrong and which had frightened him with its predictions of the end of the world around the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. The complainant then posited that children could be similarly troubled by *Van Impe Presents* if they were to come across the program while searching for cartoons on a Sunday morning. He recommended that the program carry an advisory stating that this program is “violent and misleading” because “[w]e do not have to treat these evangelical Christian fear/hate-mongers with kid gloves any more.”

The CBSC informed the complainant that he would need to provide the date and time of a specific episode that concerned him in order for the CBSC to proceed with an investigation. He wrote back indicating that he intended to do so and added that the Van Impe program is “all misleading at best and usually blatant lies. We have to remember Christianity is based on a myth, not FACT, thus whatever he says is NOT TRUE in any sense and people must be warned, especially children.” He wrote again on February 12, identifying the January 24 (later clarified to be the January 25) episode as containing “fear and hate mongering (Russia, China, Iran, N. Korea, Lebanon will attack us),” and also noted that Van Impe’s predictions about the end of the world occurring on December 21, 2012 constituted “bare bones violence that no child, Christian or not, should be exposed to. Our kids are fed enough poison on TV, movies and video games. They don’t need to think the world is ending on 12/21/2012. If I had my way, this kind of child abuse would be banned.”

Global Manitoba responded to the complainant on March 17. The station apologized for offending him, but noted that Global adheres to all applicable broadcasting codes of standards. It noted that the program contains Van Impe’s opinion about world events, based on his interpretation of biblical scripture. The station also emphasized that it airs a disclaimer at the beginning of every broadcast which states that the opinions expressed in the program are those of the participants and that it would begin putting a PG classification icon on its broadcasts of the program.

The complainant then engaged in a lengthy exchange with both Global and the CBSC expressing his view that Global’s approach to the program was insufficient. He reiterated that, in his view, the program promoted fear, hate and bigotry which could disturb children and which were used to sell books and DVDs. He also sent correspondence to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) and Advertising Standards Canada (ASC) and stated that he would contact other groups who might be interested in his concerns.

In an e-mail of June 3, he added a second broadcast date to his file, namely, the episode of May 31. He specifically stated his concern with Van Impe’s contention that “Christianity is at war with Islam” because it grouped all Muslims together rather than isolating just Muslim terrorists. He also wrote that Van Impe had stated that “Muslims

hate Jews” but did not provide a specific broadcast date for those comments. Global responded to him again, acknowledging the “controversial” nature of some of Van Impe’s claims, but maintaining that the station had not contravened any broadcast codes.

At the beginning of each of the *Van Impe Presents* episodes examined for this decision, Global aired the following disclaimer in audio and video format:

The opinions expressed in the following program are those of the participant and do not necessarily reflect those of Global Television.

On May 31, Global also aired the same advisory at the end of the program (replacing the word “following” with “preceding”). There was no PG icon on the January 25 episode, but there was one on the May 31 broadcast.

The introduction to the program stated: “From the heartland of America to every nation on Earth, this is *Jack Van Impe Presents*. The truth in news and commentary.”

The hosts, identified as “Doctors Jack and Rexella Van Impe” sit at a desk similar to a news anchor. The following are partial transcripts of the relevant portions of the two challenged episodes (more complete transcripts are available in Appendix A).

January 25

Rexella: And then we’re going to go to Russia with our global headlines and see if this is really true. Russia is going to raise the nuclear output 400%. And could Iran bring a democracies and societies into the dust in history [*sic*]? And that is their goal. We’re going to focus on these things.

After some comments about the Detroit auto show and United States President Barack Obama’s inauguration, Rexella began her news headlines segment:

And then let’s go to Afghanistan. “Path to stability is full of challenges for Obama”. Now he has referred to them over and over and over again. Let’s see what he does. Again, “ Hamas rockets rain on Israeli towns”. Now, of course, uh, we know how they’ve been invading Israel for *years*. And the Muslims say “continue”. “Muslims against Hamas”. Now those are the peace-loving Muslims. They’re saying “Please don’t do that again. We don’t want to have Israel come over into Gaza again.” And “ Hamas reportedly rejects Egypt bid for long-term Gaza tru-, truce.” And Olmert, and of course that is the prime minister of Israel, “Gaza war won’t end until rocket and smuggling stop”. Stop. And “Rockets hit Israel from Lebanon.” Not only has Israel had rockets from Lebanon, but take a look at that headline. “Israelis fired upon from Syria”. It’s coming from everywhere. Again, “Gaza is the smoke, Iran is the fire”. “President-elect Obama: I’ll talk to Iran but won’t tolerate threats to Israel”. Let’s see what he does about that. “In Gulf meet, Gates warns US opponents: Don’t test Obama.” And “Critical nuclear weapons decision awaits Obama”. My oh my. And once again, “Obama’s atomic umbrella: U.S. nuclear strike if Iran nukes Israel”. We’re going to protect them, he says. And from *U.S.A. Today*, “World leaders seek stronger Mideast peace deal.” Here’s Blair, the international community’s envoy, used to be the former [*sic*] prime minister of England. “Blair urges Obama to make Mideast peace a priority”. A prior-, a priority.

[Rexella makes air quotes] That's quite a statement there, Mr. Blair. He's got so many things to fro-, focus on. I'm going to ask Jack in just a moment. Is this the most that any incoming president has ever had to face, Jack? How 'bout it?

Jack: It is and I'll tell you why. Because we're right near that hour when Christ appears and he'll rapture us away. We'll hear the call, come up hither, Revelation 4:1. And we'll sweep into the heavenlies in the twinkling of an eye, First Corinthians 15:52. And as I've said so often, that's a hundred eighty-seven trillion billions of miles and we'll be gone in eleven one hundredths of a second. And then the tribulation hour begins. Seven years of unprecedented catastrophes upon the Earth. Twenty-one judgments in Revelation chapters six to eighteen. And this pictures it: second Timothy three, verse one, "This know also that in the last day, perilous, dangerous times shall come." How perilous, Jesus? Listen to him in Luke 21, verse twenty-five. He said, "Nations will be in distress with perplexity." Perplexity is mass confusion. It's here. We've never known such an hour as what's going on right now in just the last few months. Jeremiah 30, verse seven says "Alas for that tribulation hour is horrendous." It's the time of Israel's trouble. Daniel 12:1, "There shall be a time of trouble such as never was. Never was, since there was a nation." Jesus said in Matthew 24:21 "For then shall be great tribulation such as never was." He repeats it. Since the beginning of the world to this time, "no nor ever shall be again in the future." And ladies and gentlemen, it is called "the great tribulation" in Revelation, chapter 7, verse 14. And I believe we're headed for that hour. Soon. In fact, I believe if Obama is president for the next eight years, he will reign during that period of time. And you know, The History Channel again has been running its end-of-the-world series. On December 21st, 2012, and we're really going to deal with that next week. Thirty different signs that I've accumulated and how they're all in the Bible. I've preached on these many times. It's here, ladies and gentlemen. And he could be the president facing all of this. And we'll see why next week.

Rexella: Now you know, friends, all of these headlines portray something that's very, very important in Bible prophecy. Jesus said, Just before I return, there're going to be wars, unprecedented wars. Some people say, oh, we've always had wars, we've always had wars. But never like this. All these according to the headlines around the world. Nuclear weapons. Unprecedented. Oh my. And then something else I want to ask you, Jack. Are they going to have peace in the Middle East?

Jack: I'll answer that in a moment, Rexella. Let's get into the wars first. In Matthew 24, verses 6 and 7, Jesus said, "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars. Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom". Say, that's important because "kingdom" there means tribes against other tribes. We are paying the tribal leaders now in Afghanistan, in Pakistan to side with us against Al-Qaeda. That's a direct Bible prophecy. There're going to be horrendous wars in the future. In fact, The History Channel has been running, uh, the series again on the end of the world, December 21st, 2012. We'll deal with that next week. And, by the way, the world's never going to end. It's a world without end, Isaiah 45:17 and Ephesians 3:21 says "Unto God be glory and the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages. World without end." So don't worry about it. Sleep well tonight. But there're going to be some real wars. The Bible predicts that there's going to be a war with Russia. Ezekiel chapter 38 and 39. China's going to join them. Revelation 16:12 and chapter 9, verses 14 to 18. All nations are going to come against Jerusalem, Zechariah 14:2. The picture is not rosy. But I'm going to tell you what else Jesus said, in Luke 21 verse 30. He says when you hear of wars and commotions, wars and revolutionaries, wars and terrorists, don't be frightened. These things must first come before what, Jesus? When they begin, then we'll have verse 27. "They'll see the son of man, me, coming out of the clouds with power and great glory. I'm coming to set up my kingdom." And, ladies and gentlemen, that's right at the door. Why? Because the peace process is now beginning. Now, it must be a seven year program or it's not the one in the Bible. And in Daniel 9:26, we see this global leader

coming to power to make a seven-year peace contract. In Daniel 9:26 and 27. But it only lasts for 42 months. It's going to be broken. So watch for what happens in the near future. And the Bible calls it the "contract of death and hell". Isaiah 28:15. Why? Because this world leader destroys many through this peace process. Daniel 8:25. How can he do that? Because everyone's saying it's finally here, oh that which we've longed to see, peace, peace, it's here! But there'll be no peace, Jeremiah 6:14 and Jeremiah 8:11. For when they said peace and safety, then what? "Sudden destruction cometh upon them" and that's when Russia makes the move and we'll talk about that just a little later.

But, how does this tie in with Christ's return? He's the prince of peace, Isaiah 9:6, and when all has failed during the seven year period, he sets his foot upon the Mount of Olives in, uh, Zechariah 14 verse 4 and he sets up a peace for the ages to come. And it says in Isaiah 2 verse 4 that when he comes, they'll beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Rexella: Whoa, what a teaching. Isn't it wonderful? Jesus said before he ascended into heaven, "let not your heart be troubled". I'm in control, I'm coming back, I'm going to bring peace. How wonderful that God is in control. Well friends, we have a very, very important offer of the week. [holds up DVD] It's *December 21st, 2012: History's Final Day?* Take a look.

[Promo for DVD]

voice-over narration: Recently The History Channel promoted, produced and presented the most shocking program Doctor Van Impe ever viewed. It featured seers, prognosticators and self-proclaimed prophets who, for centuries, unitedly proclaimed December 21st, 2012 is history's final day. The end of the world. Who were these prophets of doom? What startling predictions did they make? How, where and when did they so accurately predict scores of global events that were fulfilled? Where did they get such illumination? What preliminary signs did they present as occurring before the final day, December 21st, 2012? Will the seers be right or wrong concerning the culmination, yes, the climax and grand finale of history on December 21st, 2012? Doctor and Missus Van Impe, after extensive research, conclude that instead of doom and gloom, December 21st, 2012 could become the most glorious day in history.

The promo began with a screen showing The History Channel logo, toll free number 1-800-JVI-7777 and "Donation \$24.95 Canada". There was then a series of images, including a pyramid, historic drawings, Jack and Rexella Van Impe, black & white footage of soldiers marching, a drawing of a war, black & white video footage of soldiers traipsing across a field, World Trade Center tower burning, a burning planet, and other scenes of destruction. The words "shocking", "December 21st, 2012", "The End of the World!", "Who?", "What?", "When?", "Where?", "Right or Wrong?", "History's Final Day?" were intermittently superimposed over the images. The entire promo was accompanied by dramatic music.

[Toll-free number and address remain on screen]

Rexella: [holding DVD] Wooh, there's the 800 number, there is the address. Please, get this in your home right away. Make the call right away. Jack, there's so much information on here. Tremendous.

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Rexella: Now, friends, the Obama White House is, will have to navigate a strategic path of peace in their relations with Russia. Now, you know Russia is presenting quite a problem. "Russia issues new warning to the West". Can you believe it? "Resurgent Russia poses challenge for Obama administration". Just what I said a moment ago. "Russia wants to test Obama on missile defense" Now, we, we want to put up a missile defence in Europe. Oh my, oh my. He's got his hands full. "Russia's Woes Spell Trouble for the United States." And "Russia to supply Lebanon with ten MIG twenty-nine fighter jets." Can you believe it? They're supplying Lebanon with those. And "Russia to raise nuclear missile output fourfold." That's 400%, friends! 400%! Once again, "Russia to supply missiles to Syria". They're sending them many, many places. "Russia tests new S-400 air defense." "Russia to test-launch at least 5 Bulava ICBMs in 2009". They were only going to do three. Now it's up to five. And, "Russia wants warships stationed around the world". There they are. "Beijing considers upgrade to the navy". There's China. North Korea. "North Korea nuclear ambitions will test Obama". And here we have another nation. There you see the Iranian president Ahmadinejad. "A Mushrooming Problem: Sounding an alarm as the ultimate weapon of mass destruction spreads".

You must read with me, friends, something that was in the *Wall Street Journal*. This is shocking. [Words appear on screen with "2012" in background being struck by lightning bolts.] "We live in what has come to resemble a nuclear madhouse. Nine countries are known nuclear powers, including the basket case of Pakistan and lunatic-led North Korea. Unless the world takes action, another lunatic-led state, Iran, will soon join the list. Indeed the time is drawing short: The *Wall Street Journal*' went on, "reported on that Friday that United States officials have discovered 'fresh evidence of recent efforts by Iran to evade sanctions.'" They don't want it. "And to acquire the means to deliver nuclear weapons on long-range missiles, bringing about a world in which 'millions will die' and 'more than one democratic society will be consigned to a dust heap of history'."

Friends, I don't know about you, but the last few words here: "the dust heap of history"? My oh my, Jack, I've never read anything like that in my life.

Jack: Oh Rexella, what a shocking headline I just picked up. [Holds piece of paper and reads] "Henry Kissinger says the world must forge a new world order or retreat to chaos". Disintegration. He said there's no hope unless we have a one-world government. And last week I showed you where Kissinger, who's been the advisor to so many presidents, says we are priming President Obama to rule the new world order in the future. I don't know what's been negotiated. I don't know what's been said. I listened to what Kissinger has to say and next week we're going to, once again, use that article because that is unbelievable. And I'll tell you why. This is the final sign in history before Jesus returns. A new world order. And then Christ appears to set up the greater new world order. His kingdom here on Earth. What a time to be alive, Rexella. And this Kissinger is a member of the Bilderbergs. Just had a secret meeting in Virginia where they planned to microchip all humans in the future. And not the distant future. This, uh, the final signs. Oh folks, it's so good to be saved and to know the Lord. Let's go on with what's going on in Russia, Rexella.

Rexella: Oh right, yes. I did mention that, uh, our new president's going to have a very tough path if he wants to make peace with Russia. And, Jack, you're probably the first one that I ever heard speak on the rise of Russia and what she's going to do just before the Lord comes.

Jack: Rexella, I was with Doctor L. Sale Harrison, who was a great prophetic speaker. This is fifty years ago. We were in a conference together. And he had his book *The Great Northern Confederacy*, Russia. I got interested. I read Doctor M.R. De Haan's materials on Russia. And they were the only two at that time, and perhaps Charlie Fuller, preaching these things. Well the Lord really fired me up. And I got a message entitled "The Coming War with Russia" according to the Bible. I didn't say the "Soviet Union" because the Bible says "Russia". And now it's come back to that. So I was right on all of these five decades. Now, in Ezekiel 38 and 39 we have a war described. And in verses 1 and 2, we have Gog, Magog, Meshech, Tubal and Rosh that fight the war of the latter years and the latter days, verses 8 and 16. And of course Rosh there is "Rosia" in the Greek and "Russia" in English. And "Rosh" is the Hebrew term. And the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. In chapter 39, God goes to the aid of his ancient people, Israel. He says, "I'm against you, Gog, the Rosh prince of Moscow and Tobolsk, and I'll turn you back and leave but a sixth part of thee." Five-sixths of their armies fall, so that in verse 12 it takes seven months to bury the dead troops. And every available man does the job to get rid of the corpse [*sic*] in verse 13. They, we see Russia coming down in Joel 2 verse 3 and a fire devours before them. They're pushed back to Siberia, verse 20. And as they're pushed back, the Prophet sees blood, fire, pillars of smoke, atomic warfare. Nine nations now have this weapon. And they have fourteen thousand missiles between them. Russia and America being the two top ones. And they say when this is unleashed, it could destroy all of the world six different times. You talk about 2012 and what's ahead. God help us. Now you wonder why Russia is giving all of these armaments and selling them to Iran and to the Arab worlds, Syria, Lebanon and all the rest. Because they are allies with Russia at that time, found in Daniel chapter 11 verse 40, Isaiah 17:1, Ezekiel 38 verses 5 to 7, and Psalm 83 verses 5 to 7. For what purpose? Psalm 83:4, "Let us cast Israel off from being a nation, that their name be no more remembrance." "Eighteen times the battleground of the world is Israel" in Ezekiel chapter 38 and 39. God help that little nation in the future. But the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is Russia and China saying they're going to work together in a future war. And China will be the second invasion. And that's Revelation 16:12 when the kings of the East come down through the area of the Euphrates River to Israel. And she has taken over the leftover armies of Russia with her in Daniel 11:44. And what a time it's going to be upon this earth. But as all these things are happening and all nations come against Jerusalem, Zechariah 14:2, the Lord Jesus returns, sets his foot upon the Mount of Olives, Zechariah 14 verse 4, and he brings the peace I was talking about later. And at that time, the kings of this world are become the kingdoms of our Christ and he shall reign forever and forever and, oh, the peace that's going to be! And, you know, on top of the U.N. building it says that they're going to beat their swords into plowshares, but they've missed it. Because they've forgotten about Jesus. What this Bible says is "He shall come" and then they'll beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks! But this new world order. Everything is the last sign before Jesus comes. That's how near it is.

Rexella: Mmm. You might be sitting there and thinking, Well, I know that Jesus is going to bring peace, but how can I have it right now? How can I experience all the things we're going through and have peace? Because, when you open your heart to the Lord, he comes in to your heart. And he brings peace. Oh, Jack, show us how we can have peace with the Lord in our lives.

Jack: Oh, precious Jesus is the prince of peace. And he made peace through the blood of his cross, Colossians 1:20, for you. It's so simple to be saved. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, Acts 16:30, 31. Look at me and pray this: Lord Jesus, thank you for Calvary. Thank you for bearing my sin. Say it. And suffering for me and my sin. Now how wonderful, Jesus, to know that if I receive you now, I am cleansed. Washed. Forgiven. And it's all forgotten. And so, Jesus, I trust you today to

be my saviour. Come into my heart. Save me. Cleanse me now. I pray this in your beautiful, holy name. Amen.

Rexella: Aamen. Don't turn to alcohol, don't turn to, uh, drugs or anything else. Turn to the Lord. I trust that you prayed that prayer. If you did, please write to me. There's my address. Box 7004, Troy, Michigan. I'll send you absolutely free this little booklet [holds up booklet] for steps in a new direction. And the Lord will walk with you and give you peace. And now, friends, let me just say that, with this wonderful, wonderful new offer [holds up DVD], *December 21, 2012: History's Final Day?*, we have never had anything quite like it. Because Jack has analyzed so many things on here. And Jack, you know, we've been talking a lot about these various secular groups and cultural groups that prophesied the end of the world.

Jack: Oh, we're really going to deal with it next week. Tell others about it. But there were eight major seers covering two thousand and twenty years and they all said the same thing. It's going to happen in 2012 on December 21st, is the world ends. Don't believe it. I'll show you why next week. However, many of the things they predicted, thirty of them on this video, are happening even now in preparation for December 21st, 2012. And I believe something greater could happen. The return of Christ. Because the last sign is the new world order and we're gone once it happens!

Rexella: Where did the seers get all their information? Are they right or wrong? Here is our announcer to tell you how you can receive it. Chuck?

Chuck: [standing behind desk] Thank you, Rexella. My friend, to order your copy [cost & ordering phone number & addresses appear on screen] of *December 21st, 2012* on DVD or VHS, have your credit card ready and call toll free, 24 hours a day, 1-800-JVI-7777. To order by mail in the U.S., send your donation of twenty-four ninety-five to Jack Van Impe Ministries, Box 7004, Troy, Michigan, 48007. In Canada, send your donation of twenty-four ninety-five to Jack Van Impe Ministries of Canada, Box 1717, Postal Station A, Windsor, Ontario, N9A 6Y1. And now back to Rexella.

Rexella: Thank you so very much, Chuck. Don't put off making your call. There's the 800 number and there is the address. We want to get this in the mail as soon as we hear from you. So much information. Jack really spent a lot of time on it. So make the call, right now. By the way, we have a wonderful website. And there you see it [web address appears on screen] JVIM.com. So you can go there and see this program again and so much more. Could I just leave you with this wonderful, wonderful thought? You should never let adversity get you down. Except on your knees. We'll look forward to being in your home again next week. 'Til then, remember: God cares for you. So do we, so very much. Bye-bye.

May 31

Rexella: Hello, and welcome to *Jack Van Impe Presents*. Oh friends, we have so very, very much to share with you today. And I'm so grateful that we can gather the global headlines and bring them to you so that we can focus on the important things around the world. Some of them will be "Pakistan and the United States: Victims of Terror and Partners in Peace". Also "President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu Warn Each Other". And "Will There Be another Great Depression?" Oh yes, we're going to be discussing all that and so very, very much more with our global headlines.

[Jack tells joke & then cites related scriptures]

Jack: And Rexella, am I thankful that God has called us at an hour like this. A prophetic voice to every nation on Earth, 247 of them, that Jesus is coming soon. When you hear about Korea and Pakistan and Iran and what's going on and how our president and Hillary Clinton are really concerned about another war. What a blessing to be able to tell the world, this means Jesus is coming very, very soon. And, you know, we're obeying this book [holds up Bible] in Acts 1:8. We are to preach the gospel to the uttermost parts of the Earth. And we are. And we're getting people saved. Two and a half million already. And Proverbs 11:30 says "He that winneth souls is wise". And whether it's us or you by sponsoring us to get these souls saved, there's going to be a great reward because Daniel 12:3 says "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. And they that turn many to righteousness, soul-winning, as the stars forever and forever." Let's work for that soul-winner's crown.

Rexella: Oh yes, we appreciate all of those who help us. And we appreciate you allowing us to come into your home every single week. And perhaps you are a sponsor, allowing us to stay in your community. And, you know, I just happened to think as Jack was talking there, finally that prayer is going to be answered. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. What a wonderful day that will be when the Lord returns.

And we're going to be getting to our global headlines now. Has America entered a new, bold, bold policy agenda? Well, he certainly does have a bold policy agenda. On *U.S. News & World Report*, "Progress Report: The President Has Set in Motion a Profound Agenda". Going on, "Obama pledges new U.S. engagement". And this is what he had to say in this article: that "we will never be at war with Islam". Oh dear. Well, we're going to talk about that. "Obama says reaching out to U.S. foes works". Let's see if it's going to work. And "Pakistan and the United States". Here we see what I said a moment ago. "Victims of terror. Partners in peace". Right at this moment we both want it. "U.S. to capture Pakistan's nuclear stockpile if extremists take power". Now, if they take over, we've got to take control. Oh dear, here we are. "Korean Blast Draws Outrage". And that outrage not only comes from the United States, from around the world. "North Korea threatens military strike on the South". Jack and I have been in South Korea and how frightened they must be as they think about this one. Again, "Russia fears Korea conflict could go nuclear".

Jack: Wow.

Rexella: And again, "U.S. says al-Qaida" – oh oh – "still the greatest threat to America". Oh my, oh my. I could not, oh, my heart was burdened. "Four Men Held in U.S. Terror Case". And that, of course, that's in New York City. They captured them before they could complete their mission. "New York temple plot 'chilling'". They wanted to blow up the synagogues there. There're terrorists right there in New York. "Netanyahu willing to restart Middle East talks". And from *The Wall Street Journal*, "Leaders Jockey for Diplomatic Edge". And let me just say something about this. This is a tale of two leaders, friends. They're both articulate, smart and carry themselves with self-confidence like few people on Earth. And again, "President Obama warns Netanyahu: don't surprise me with Iran strike". Now that's the first warning. Let's take a look at another warning. "Israeli warning to Obama: Your talk gives Iran nukes". All right, I am going to back up here, friends. With that first *U.S. News & World Report* about President Obama who set a profound agenda. We all know that. It's very, very speedy and profound. But also in this article there's a question: "Will the initiatives work?" Will they work, Doctor Jack Van Impe? What do you think?

Jack: Right now we're reading a lot of articles in the newspapers and even Congress, whether they're Democrats or Republicans, are concerned that they can't get this all done in time. For instance, the new revision of the health policy of America for every

citizen by July. I'm hearing comments all the time. It just can't be done. But anyway, we need to pray for our president because I would hate to be in his shoes. You can't be in that position without getting criticism and First Timothy 2:1 says "I exhort, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men. For kings and presidents and for all who are in authority that we may live a quiet and peaceable life." We're going to see what he's able to accomplish soon. But, take care of the auto industry, the finances, the foreclosures on the homes, the health policy. I don't know how he's going to do it.

Rexella: All right. And I'm going to back up again to another statement that he made while he was in Turkey. He said, to their Parliament there, "We will never be at war with Islam". Never be at war with Islam. That's quite a statement there, Jack.

Jack: Yes. I can't agree with that because we are already at war with Islam. We are fighting them in Iraq, in Afghanistan. Perhaps soon in Pakistan. Perhaps very soon in Iran. Uh, this man, Ahmadinejad, who says "I must wipe out the Jew before my messiah, Mahdi, comes", is bent on this. And now we have this problem with Korea. And Korea's been supplying equipment to Iran! God only knows what the future holds, but we will have war. In fact, next week, I'm going to bring to you the most shocking program you've ever heard. You will never have heard anything like this historically and biblically. Because three wars were planned from 1859 to 1871 and the last one was to be a war between Islam and Christianity, Islam and Judaism, Islam and the western world. It's all documented for next week. But, you see, the Bible says in Ezekiel 38 and 39 that Gog, Magog, Meshech and Tubal, all cities in Russia, will march against Israel. It's mentioned 18 times as Israel. When? In the latter years and the latter days. This is not something that took place in the past. It's for our time in history. And who is with them? Well, in Daniel 11:40, we have Egypt. In Isaiah 17:1, we have Syria. In Ezekiel 38 verses, uh, 5 to 7, we have *Persia*. That's Iran and Iraq. And then we have Cush and Put in the Hebrew. And that includes Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and many nations in Africa. And then when we get to Psalm chapter 83 verses 5 to 7, there're another ten Muslim nations involved in the war as they unite with Russia. And we are going to fight them if we believe what the Bible says.

Rexella: Mm. I just wish that terrorism were over, don't you? Terrorism, it is far from being over, friends. Far from being over. Take a look at Pakistan. Terrible terrorism over there. Then North Korea, the terrible blast that they had, of nuclear tests there. Well, they received world condemnation for that. And then, the four men in New York. Terrorists! They were homegrown, right here! They were going to blow up synagogues and, oh, Jack, terrorism is far from being over.

Jack: That was the third war planned, which I'm going to give to you next week. And that was between Islam and Israel. And even these men were converted in a prison to Islam and they want to start blowing up the Jewish synagogues in New York City. Well, that's Genesis 6:11. "In the days of Noah, the world was filled with violence and terrorism". And that's Genesis 6:11 and Jesus picked up on that in Matthew 24:37 when he says "As the days of Noah were, violence and terrorism, so shall it be when I, the son of man, returns". So it's coming. And I'll tell you, when Russia and Hillary Clinton and Obama all are concerned that this could lead to a great world war, atomic weapons will be used. And I give these verses often, but I can't quote them, I'll just give you the numbers: Psalm 97:3, Isaiah 66:15, Joel chapter 2 verses 3 and 30, Zephaniah 1:18, Malachi 4:1, Revelation 8:7, Revelation 9:18 and study second Peter chapter 3 verses 10 to 12. On all having to do with a war that involves fiery incineration. It's coming. And I'll tell you, Rexella, as I said at the beginning, I'm so glad that God's allowing us to preach this message to the whole world. Everything you hear weekly is going to every nation on Earth. And I believe God has raised us up for this hour to say Jesus is about to come.

For these are the signs. This new world order, remember, is the final sign before Jesus returns. Wow.

Rexella: Mm, you know, I kind of wish that we had the top of our, of our program “the good news from Jack Van Impe” before we get into all these headlines. But that’s good news, Jack. The Lord’s coming back. And he said, look for the things that we’re talking about –

Jack: Right, right.

Rexella: – right now.

Jack: Sure.

Rexella: Because they’re going to happen before I come back.

Jack: When Jesus in Luke 21:9 said when you hear of wars and commotions, wars and revolutionaries, wars and terrorism, don’t be frightened! These things must first come, before what? Verse 27, “Then when they’re coming and they’re here now shall they see the son of man coming on a cloud with power and great glory”. He’s about to appear, folks. Be ready.

Rexella: I love it, I love it. But I have one more question here. And it has to do with the new world order. All these headlines, Jack, how do they fit together, pointing to a time when we’ll have a one-world government, a new world order?

Jack: Well, as you know, Kissinger said we are preparing Obama to create the new world order and Brown is pushing Blair, really his enemy in the past in the U.K., to become the first permanent president of the European Union because he says “I want Blair to be a partner with Obama in the creation and architecture of the new world order.” Every sign that you hear, every sign from Revelations chapters 6 to 18 occurs during the reign of the leader of the new world order. It’s the final sign. I can’t emphasize it enough.

Rexella: All right. Friends, we need to be focussing on the fact that the Lord could come very, very soon. That is good news. We’re going to get on with more global headlines in just a moment. But let me just say that, whoa, you want to get your call in right away. We’re really trying to get them out as fast as we can [holds up DVD]. *New World Order Rising*, our wonderful offer of the week.

[Promo for *New World Order Rising* DVD]

voice-over: The new world order, the final sign preceding Christ’s return, was predicted by St. Jerome sixteen hundred years ago. The fulfillment began on May 1st, 1776 in Germany as the Illuminati reared its [*sic*] ugly head. Out of this movement, sprang six global organizations: the Council of Foreign Relations, the Bilderbergs, the United Nations, and the New Age Movement, all promoting a one-world government. In 1933, the announcement of this new world order appeared on the back of the American dollar. How would it begin? By creating a global economic crisis. It’s happened! Next, the Bilderbergs’ plan is the micro-chipping of the world’s citizens by 2017. Recently, Henry Kissinger, advisor to numerous presidents, stated “Obama is primed to create the new world order”. He added, “We must forge ahead or retreat to chaos.” Find out more. Who? What? Where? When? And Why?

The telephone number and cost of the DVD appeared on screen, followed by images of Jesus, St. Jerome, map of Germany, a member of the alleged Illuminati, Earth, a close-

up of a symbol on the American dollar bill, money, a newspaper article entitled “Microchip implants viewed as the end of privacy in U.S.”, a hand with a chip in it, a world map, an image of Henry Kissinger, an article from *WorldNetDaily* entitled “Kissinger: Obama primed to create ‘New World Order’”, and an article from *The Independent* entitled “Henry Kissinger: The world must forge a new order or retreat to chaos”. Words appear on screen: “New World Order”, “Final Sign”, “St. Jerome”, “May 1, 1776”, “Illuminati”, “6 Global Organizations”, “Council of Foreign Relations”, “Bilderbergs”, “United Nations”, “New Age Movement”, “One World Government”, “1933”, “It’s Happened”, “2017”, “Who?”, “What?”, “Where?”, “When?”, “Why?”.

Rexella: Oh, as I said, get that order in right away. There is the 800 number and there is the address. Our men and ladies are working overtime here at our headquarters, so please call right away. We want you to have it right away. It’s so important, Jack.

Jack: We give you 22 minutes. This is an hour and forty minutes and historically and biblically it covers everything. By the way, we will have hit thirty thousand this week, praise the Lord. And we believe it’s going to fifty, sixty thousand. We’ve got a few more weeks left, but listen to me. The biggest thing in the history of this ministry was 2012. We’re running 40% higher –

[...]

Rexella: Well, I’m going to go back to Russia here. And when our president was over, uh, in that area, he made a deal with Russia. And it was pretty astounding to me, Jack. Will you expand on that just a little bit for me, please?

Jack: Well, they tried to be very secretive about it, but the *New York Times* got a hold of it and published it. And he said to the Russian people and to Putin and Medvedev, “If you help me control Iran” – because they may go wacky with this nuclear bomb that they’ll soon have – “I will see to it that we do not put up our defence system in Poland and Czechoslovakia.” Well, that’s good if you trust Russia, but I don’t because the Bible predicts that there will be a war. Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 in the latter years and latter days, 38 verse 16. And we are going to be involved against Russia along with many other nations. The whole European Union will be on our side at that time. You can’t go against the word of God. In fact, Rexella, when we were in Israel, we asked President Navan at that time “Do you believe that Russia will ever invade?” He says “Of course”. I believe Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 in my Old Testament. It’s coming, ladies and gentlemen.

Now, I want to tell you about this cyber-warfare. There are three things that could bring America, Canada and Mexico to a halt. The first one is what could happen in 2012. This is from The History Channel. When our people at NASA say there could be tremendous solar storms that will block out the electrical system from coast to coast. Number two, I’ve told you this many times, Ahmadinejad can get a ship within two hundred miles of our country and send up a missile with an atomic bomb on it, three hundred miles in space, explode it, it mingles with the gamma rays and as it comes to Earth with the magnetic field and blots out all electric from coast to coast [sic]. But wait a minute! Now Russia and China both are manipulating our computers from their nation to blot out everything from coast to coast. Do you know that means cars wouldn’t run, buses wouldn’t be moving any more, the trains, the planes, everything would be blocked. We couldn’t get groceries to where it [sic] needs to go. We are living in the last times. And that’s why second Timothy 3:1 says “This know also the last times perilous, dangerous times shall come.” Oh, how we need to be living for the Lord and winning

people to Christ and getting our own hearts in order. Because we're going to see our Lord soon.

Rexella: You know, something here, Jack, major cyber spy network was uncovered. Now, you know where that was based mainly? In China. It was based mainly in China. And it's, uh, has infiltrated into 103 countries. We didn't have time last week to elaborate on that, but, Jack, thank you so much for elaborating more on that cyber, uh, attack that could happen.

Jack: It's one of the most dangerous things. They say it's far worse than any atomic war. Because of what it can accomplish in blotting out everything from coast to coast and not being able to deliver goods to any city any more.

[...]

Rexella: Oh yes. And "International Cooperation Is the Way Out of the Financial Crisis". And I can't believe that question. A great question for Jack. International cooperation? Is this the way out, Jack? What do you think?

Jack: Well, that's the way they think is the way out because the world leaders planned the coming of the new world order for a hundred years now. And they said we'll finally do it by creating an economic crisis, so that money and property is devalued and we'll bring in socialism and we'll all be equal in the near future. But because of it, and what Rexella just read to you, we believe it's right at the door. This is going to happen drastically during the reign of the leader of the new world order. And it's James chapter 5 verses 1 to 3. "Go to now you rich men. Weep and howl for all your miseries that shall come upon you. Why are they crying? Your riches are corrupted. Your gold and silver is [sic] cankered and the rest of them shall be a witness against you and that day." And they are so broken-hearted because they've massed, amassed treasure and now it's all lost. And Revelation 18 continues with verse 10. "In one hour is thy judgment come". Verse 17, "In one hour so great riches is come to naught to nothing." Verse 19, "In one hour, she made desolate." Have you seen anything happen so rapidly with finances and foreclosures and everything going berserk? This is Bible prophecy. It's two thousand years old. And we have lived to see it happen in our lifetime! In fact, it gets so bad, they are casting their silver in the streets. It's become meaningless. And that's Ezekiel 7:19. And their gold is going to be confiscated in this day of socialism. Oh, I'll tell you, Jesus is at the door. Because this is the final sign, because when Christ returns, he puts a stop to the new world order. And that's in Psalm 2, verses 1 to 6, second Thessalonians 2:8 and Revelation 19:19. And then sets up his glorious kingdom on Earth where we'll not have any more of these problems.

Rexella: Oh my. Isn't it wonderful to have the glorious, glorious anticipation of the return of the Lord? But if he came today, would you welcome him? Would you be happy that he came? Would you say, "Oh Lord, I was waiting for you, I'm ready"? Jack, show us how to be ready.

Jack: Oh, what a wonderful saviour is Jesus my Lord. He left heaven for 33 years to suffer a horrendous death, knowing it was going to happen when he came to save you. There's only one way: the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanseth from all sin. I don't care what you've done, how often you've done it, how hideous, heinous the sin appears in your own eyes. That precious blood will cleanse you from anything you've ever done. Now let's ask him to help us. Lord Jesus, – look at me and pray it – wonderful saviour, wonderful Lord, thank you for what you suffered for me. Thank you for shedding your precious blood to save me. And, oh Lord Jesus, I want to give you my heart today. I open it and I ask you to come in and save me now. I pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Rexella: Aamen. Jack, that was a beautiful prayer. How wonderful to know how heinous, how horrible the past may be, the Lord will blot it out and you'll be ready for heaven and he'll walk with you now. He'll give you peace right now. I'm going to send you absolutely free this little booklet and there's my address. If you'll just write to me and say, "Rexella, I prayed that prayer. The Lord's in my heart." *First Steps in a New Direction*, the Lord will walk with you every day. Please, let me hear from you. And now, friends, let me just say, whoo, again, this is an all-important offer. *The New World Order Rising*. I never even knew about the Illuminati and Bilderbergs and all the rest, but this explains what's going on right now and it started a long time ago, Jack.

Jack: Don't forget next week, the most important sermon you will hear in this series. By the way, [holds up DVD] this is an hour and forty minutes long. And I said to Rexella, when I reviewed everything they did and all the glorious graphics, I said "If God called me home this week, this would be the legacy I'd leave behind for the rest of the world." Because it tells you the way. And you'll know what's happening and why it's happening. Please get it.

The announcer, Chuck, then reminded viewers of the address and telephone number to contact to order a DVD, Rexella said a few words in closing and the program concluded.

THE DECISION

The Prairie Regional Panel examined the complaint under the following provisions of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' (CAB) *Code of Ethics, Equitable Portrayal Code, and Violence Code*:

CAB Code of Ethics, Clause 2 – Human Rights

Recognizing that every person has the right to full and equal recognition and to enjoy certain fundamental rights and freedoms, broadcasters shall ensure that their programming contains no abusive or unduly discriminatory material or comment which is based on matters of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, marital status or physical or mental disability.

CAB Code of Ethics, Clause 8 – Religious Programming

Broadcasters should endeavour to make available to the community adequate opportunity for presentation of religious messages and should also endeavour to assist in all ways open to them the furtherance of religious activities in the community. Recognizing the purpose of the religious broadcast to be that of promoting the spiritual harmony and understanding of humanity and of administering broadly to the varied religious needs of the community, it shall be the responsibility of each broadcaster to ensure that its religious broadcasts, which reach persons of all creeds and races simultaneously, shall not be used to convey attacks upon another race or religion.

CAB Code of Ethics, Clause 11 - Viewer Advisories

To assist consumers in making their viewing choices, when programming includes mature subject matter or scenes with nudity, sexually explicit material, coarse or

offensive language, or other material susceptible of offending viewers, broadcasters shall provide a viewer advisory

- (a) at the beginning of, and after every commercial break during the first hour of programming telecast in late viewing hours which contains such material which is intended for adult audiences, or
- (b) at the beginning of, and after every commercial break during programming telecast outside of late viewing hours which contains such material which is not suitable for children.

Suggested language for suitable viewer advisories is outlined in Appendix A. The suggestions are meant as possible illustrations; broadcasters are encouraged to adopt wording which is likeliest to provide viewers with the most relevant and useful information regarding the programming to which it applies.

CAB Equitable Portrayal Code, Clause 2 – Human Rights

Recognizing that every person has the right to the full enjoyment of certain fundamental rights and freedoms, broadcasters shall ensure that their programming contains no abusive or unduly discriminatory material or comment which is based on matters of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, marital status or physical or mental disability.

CAB Violence Code, Article 1 – Content

1.1 Canadian broadcasters shall not air programming which:

[...]

- sanctions, promotes or glamorizes violence

CAB Violence Code, Article 3.0 – Scheduling

3.1 Programming

3.1.1 Programming which contains scenes of violence intended for adult audiences shall not be telecast before the late evening viewing period, defined as 9 pm to 6 am.

CAB Violence Code, Article 4.0 – Classification

AGVOT's Classification System for English-Language Broadcasters

Exempt

Descriptive

Exempt programming includes: news, sports, documentaries and other information programming; talk shows, music videos, and variety programming.

Note: exempt programming does not require an icon for on-screen ratings.

PG – Parental Guidance

Descriptive

This programming, while intended for a general audience, may not be suitable for younger children (under the age of 8). Parents/guardians should be aware that there might be content elements which some could consider inappropriate for unsupervised viewing by children in the 8-13 age range.

Programming within this classification might address controversial themes or issues. Cognizant that pre-teens and early teens could be part of this viewing group, particular care must be taken not to encourage imitational behaviour, and consequences of violent actions shall not be minimized.

Violence Guidelines

- any depiction of conflict and/or aggression will be limited and moderate; it might include physical, fantasy, or supernatural violence.
- any such depictions should not be pervasive, and must be justified within the context of theme, storyline or character development.

14+ -- Over 14 YearsDescriptive

Programming with this classification contains themes or content elements which might not be suitable for viewers under the age of 14. Parents are strongly cautioned to exercise discretion in permitting viewing by pre-teens and early teens without parent/guardian supervision, as programming with this classification could deal with mature themes and societal issues in a realistic fashion.

Violence Guidelines

- while violence could be one of the dominant elements of the storyline, it must be integral to the development of plot or character.
- might contain intense scenes of violence.

CAB Violence Code, Article 5.0 – Viewer Advisories

5.1 To assist consumers in making their viewing choices, broadcasters shall provide a viewer advisory, at the beginning of, and during the first hour of programming telecast in late evening hours which contains scenes of violence intended for adult audiences.

5.2 Broadcasters shall provide a viewer advisory at the beginning of, and during programming telecast outside of late evening hours, which contains scenes of violence not suitable for children.

The Panel Adjudicators read all of the correspondence and reviewed recordings of the two broadcasts. The Panel concludes that Global Manitoba did not violate any of the above-mentioned Code provisions in its broadcasts of *Jack Van Impe Presents* on January 25 and May 31, 2009.

Religious Programming and Abusive or Unduly Discriminatory Comment

The Panel reviewed the identified episodes with considerable care, as it always does. It notes that, in cases such as this, where abusive or unduly discriminatory comments are complained of, the Panel is generally called upon to determine whether the challenged matter has crossed the line. In the matter at hand, however, the Panel has been unable to find *any* comments that could even be described as discriminatory *at all*. The Panel finds *biblical* comments and references galore. While it readily acknowledges that these find their source and roots in Christianity, it does not conclude that they are *anti*-anyone else. That the beliefs and perceptions are Bible-based, Christianity-oriented and Christianity-dependent, and frequently tied to Jesus is simply not problematic in terms of Clause 2. That the speaker believes *in* something is not the equivalent of his or her making negative comments about those not of the same background or belief. Indeed, many religious adherents view their way as the best way, if not the only way. They may even be strident about their own religion, but that entitlement affords them no licence to attack other religions on the airwaves to make their case. The Panel concludes that that principle applies fully here. There is no comment in either episode that comes close to offending the prohibition against the broadcast of abusive or unduly discriminatory comment in the Human Rights Clause. Nor, given the Panel's conclusion regarding the absence of attacks on any other religion, does it find that there is any breach of Clause 8 of the *CAB Code of Ethics*.

The complainant argued that "We have to remember Christianity is based on a myth, not FACT, thus whatever he says is NOT TRUE in any sense. [Emphasis original]" The Panel takes no position on the *factual* basis of Christian or other beliefs. It also finds the complainant's assertion immaterial. Religionists are *entitled* to believe in something and to proselytize, even on the airwaves. That is one reason for the very existence of Clause 8 in the *Code of Ethics*. The only restriction is that *attacks* on other religions are prohibited. The issue is not the *truth* or *factual* nature of the religious content, but rather the attack-free nature of the broadcast content.

The Panel does note Jack Van Impe's observation during the May 31 episode that "we are already at war with Islam." It does not, however, view that as an abusive or unduly discriminatory comment. It may or may not be a correct or accurate characterization of the recent and/or current world order, but that does not make it *discriminatory*, much less unduly discriminatory. There is no breach of Clause 2 on this account. Nor does the Panel conclude that the May 31 observations constitute an attack on Islam, in terms of Clause 8. Nor do Van Impe's observations that "we" are fighting Islam, *i.e.* Islamic countries, such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other Muslim nations referred to in that same monologue amount to an attack on Islam, the *religion*. Even *if* the characterization in historical terms is not accurate (and the Panel expresses no opinion on this point), the Panel finds no contextual attack on Islam or its practitioners that would constitute a breach of Clause 8. The Panel is also constrained to observe that

the complainant's claim in his e-mailed Ruling Request of July 8 that Van Impe had stated in an unidentified episode that "Muslims hate Jews" was *not* found in *any* broadcast and, consequently, was not a part of any episode reviewed in full by the Panel Adjudicators. Consequently, the Panel draws no conclusions of any kind regarding that statement and any potential Code breach; it only concludes that there was no such content to evaluate on the challenged episodes.

Promotion of Violence and Violent Content Intended for Adult Audiences

The *CAB Violence Code* prohibits the broadcast of gratuitous violence, which is defined as content that does not play an integral role in developing the plot, character or theme of the material as a whole, or material which sanctions, promotes or glamorizes violence. There is no such violent content in this program. Indeed, as was noted in the previous section, by analogy, the Panel does not find content of the nature that the complainant has alleged in the episodes it has been called upon to review, that is to say, violent content. The religious notion of impending doom, even on a date certain (December 21, 2012), simply does not amount to "bare bones violence" as the complainant has asserted. Fear possibly, violence no. Even the biblical references to tribulation, catastrophes, horrendous wars, atomic (or nuclear) warfare, the end of the world, the new world order, terrorism, the blowing up of synagogues, cyber-warfare, and other cataclysmic events, which may invoke fear in some, do not constitute, in the sense of the Code, *violence*. They are neither graphic nor gory. There is not any act of physical force or an injurious nature. There is not even any individualized conduct that would have such an effect. There is of course the encouraged anticipation of impending *global* harm, which might be fear-*inducing* in some individuals, but that is an intellectual or philosophical concept, very different from violence, and in no way prohibited at any hour of the day by any clause in the *CAB Violence Code*.

Viewer Advisories

One of the complainant's primary concerns was that this program should carry a viewer advisory warning parents that it is violent and full of misinformation, bigotry, hate and fear-mongering. In his words, "This show needs a CBSC warning to parents (even Christians) that this show is violent and misleading." The rules for viewer advisories generally apply to violence (Article 5, *CAB Violence Code*), nudity, sexually explicit material, coarse or offensive language, or other material susceptible of offending viewers (Clause 11, *CAB Code of Ethics*). It is clear from the foregoing sections of this decision that no viewer advisories would be required for any categories other than, *possibly*, "other material susceptible of offending viewers." That said, advisories have never been *required* for programming that merely contains interpretations of politics,

history or religion, however outrageous those interpretations may seem to some viewers. Moreover, one could hardly anticipate on any kind of reasonable basis that, from the broadcaster's perspective, there was anything misleading about the challenged episodes. Opinions, perspectives, predictions, absolutely. Likely plenty that practitioners of other faiths or of no faith at all would find to disagree with, and much debatable content. It is the view of this Panel that none of this gives rise to the requirement for a viewer advisory. While Global did broadcast a disclaimer to the effect that the opinions expressed are not those of the station, that advisory served a different purpose. It has nothing to do with what the complainant would wish to see, but there is no obligation on Global to include any viewer advisory of his proposed nature.

Classification

The complainant argued that this program was not suitable for children under 14 years of age. Although he did not specifically state that a 14+ rating would be required, the Panel considers that this can be implied from his correspondence. In what appears to be a concession to the complainant's expressed concerns, Global began to include a PG rating on the program following receipt of the original complaint. That said, the complainant argued that the rating icon did not appear on the program he viewed following receipt of Global's letter. The Panel Adjudicators did see the rating on the logger of the May 31 episode, by which date Global had introduced its new ratings practice. In any event, the point is academic since the Panel considers that *Jack Van Impe Presents* is a non-dramatic, information program that is *exempt from classification*. Even if a classification icon *had been* required, the CBSC Panel considers that a PG rating would have been more than sufficient. Like viewer advisories, the classification icon generally refers to the level of violence, sexual content, coarse language and other mature subject matter, not to the type of religious comments made by Van Impe.

Selling Related Materials

In his letter of March 30, the complainant said, "That is what he does ... frighten people so they buy his books and DVDs." There was an implication that this was in some respect incorrect in terms of some codified standards. That is not the case. Broadcasts include advertising and promotions of various kinds. The fact that Jack Van Impe promotes his own products is not prohibited by any codified standards administered by the CBSC.

Broadcaster Responsiveness

In addition to assessing the relevance of the Codes to the complaint, the CBSC always assesses the responsiveness of the broadcaster to the substance of the complaint. The Panel is acutely conscious of the fact that the complainant was particularly critical of the series as a whole and seemed to believe that he could pick any episode and find problematic content. He did make his choice of episodes and provided CKND-TV with the opportunity to respond. It was clear that the various representatives at CKND-TV who responded to the complainant did not convince the complainant of their position. That is understandable. After all, complaints never get to an adjudication unless the complainant finds the broadcaster's position untenable. And in this case, the fundamental criticism of the broadcaster by the complainant appeared to be that CKND's representatives did not see matters his way. The CBSC Secretariat and CBSC Panels see hundreds and hundreds of such responses every year, and they consider that the CKND-TV correspondents collectively provided a thorough, thoughtful and contextual reply to the complainant, including references to previous CBSC jurisprudence. That is what a careful broadcaster reply ought to do. The bottom line is that the Panel is of the view that nothing more by way of a reply could be expected of any broadcaster. CKND-TV has amply fulfilled its CBSC membership obligation of responsiveness on this occasion.

This decision is a public document upon its release by the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council. It may be reported, announced or read by the station against which the complaint had originally been made; however, in the case of a favourable decision, the station is under no obligation to announce the result.

APPENDIX A

CBSC Decision 08/09-0691 & -1774 CKND-TV (Global Manitoba) re *Jack Van Impe Presents*

The following is a transcript and description of the relevant portions of the episode of *Jack Van Impe Presents* that aired on CKND-TV (Global Manitoba) on January 25, 2009 at 8:30 am. The program is hosted by American televangelist Jack Van Impe and his wife Rexella.

Global aired the following disclaimer in audio and video format prior to the broadcast:

The opinions expressed in the following program are those of the participant and do not necessarily reflect those of Global Television.

The introduction to the actual program stated “From the heartland of America to every nation on Earth, this is *Jack Van Impe Presents*. The truth in news and commentary.”

Rexella: [talks about President Obama’s challenges] And then we’re going to go to Russia with our global headlines and see if this is really true. Russia is going to raise the nuclear output four hundred per cent. And could Iran bring a democracies and societies into the dust in history [*sic*]? And that is their goal. We’re going to focus on these things.

[comments about Detroit auto show, electric cars, Bible prophesies relating to chariots, Obama’s inauguration]

[newspaper article on screen “In Afghanistan, path to stability is full of challenges for Obama; image of Afghanistan flag in background] And then let’s go to Afghanistan. “Path to stability is full of challenges for Obama”. Now he has referred to them over and over and over again.

Let’s see what he does. [article “ Hamas rockets rain on Israeli towns”; photo of Middle East town] Again, “ Hamas rockets rain on Israeli towns”. Now, of course, uh, we know how they’ve been invading Israel for years. And the Muslims say “continue”. [article “ Muslims against Hamas”; photo of mushroom cloud] “ Muslims against Hamas”. Now those are the peace-loving Muslims. They’re saying “Please don’t do that again. We don’t want to have Israel come over into Gaza again.” [article “ Hamas reportedly rejects Egypt bid for long-term Gaza truce”; photo of person wearing mask & holding automatic weapon] And “ Hamas reportedly rejects Egypt bid for long-term Gaza tru-, truce.” [article “ Olmert: Gaza War won’t end until rocket and smuggling stop”; photo of Olmert & Israel flag in background] And Olmert, and of course that is the prime minister of Israel, “ Gaza war won’t end until rocket and smuggling stop”. Stop. [article “ Rockets hit Israel from Lebanon”; photo of masked person holding rocket over shoulder] And “ Rockets hit Israel from Lebanon”. [article “ Israelis fired upon from Syria”; photo of mushroom cloud] Not only has Israel had rockets from Lebanon, but take a look at that headline. “ Israelis fired upon from Syria”. It’s coming from everywhere. [article “ Gaza is the smoke; Iran is the fire”; photo of mushroom cloud] Again, “ Gaza is the smoke, Iran is the fire”. [article “ President-elect Obama: I’ll talk to Iran but won’t tolerate threats to Israel”; photo of Obama] “ President-elect Obama: I’ll talk to Iran but won’t tolerate threats to Israel”. Let’s see what he does about that. [article “ In Gulf meet, Gates

warns U.S. opponents: Don't test Obama"; image of Dept. of Defence logo in bkgnd] "In Gulf meet, Gates warns US opponents: Don't test Obama." [article & image of mushroom cloud] And "Critical nuclear weapons decision awaits Obama". My oh my. And once again [article & photo of missile], "Obama's atomic umbrella: U.S. nuclear strike if Iran nukes Israel". We're going to protect them, he says. [article & image of handshake] And from *U.S.A. Today*, "World leaders seek stronger Mideast peace deal." Here's Blair, the international community's envoy, used to be the former [*sic*] prime minister [article & photo of handshake] of England. "Blair urges Obama to make Mideast peace a priority". A prior-, a priority. [Rexella makes air quotes] That's quite a statement there, Mr. Blair. He's got so many things to fro-, focus on. I'm going to ask Jack in just a moment. Is this the most that any incoming president has ever had to face, Jack? How 'bout it?

Jack: It is and I'll tell you why. Because we're right near that hour when Christ appears and he'll rapture us away. We'll hear the call, come up hither, Revelation 4:1. And we'll sweep into the heavenlies in the twinkling of an eye, First Corinthians 15:52. And as I've said so often, that's a hundred eighty-seven trillion billions of miles and we'll be gone in eleven one hundredths of a second. And then the tribulation hour begins. Seven years of unprecedented catastrophes upon the Earth. Twenty-one judgments in Revelation chapters six to eighteen. And this pictures it: second Timothy three, verse one, "This know also that in the last day, perilous, dangerous times shall come." How perilous, Jesus? Listen to him in Luke 21, verse twenty-five. He said, "Nations will be in distress with perplexity." Perplexity is mass confusion. It's here. We've never known such an hour as what's going on right now in just the last few months. Jeremiah 30, verse seven says "Alas for that tribulation hour is horrendous." It's the time of Israel's trouble. Daniel 12:1, "There shall be a time of trouble such as never was. Never was, since there was a nation." Jesus said in Matthew 24:21 "For then shall be great tribulation such as never was." He repeats it. Since the beginning of the world to this time, "no nor ever shall be again in the future." And ladies and gentlemen, it is called "the great tribulation" in Revelation, chapter 7, verse 14. And I believe we're headed for that hour. Soon. In fact, I believe if Obama is president for the next eight years, he will reign during that period of time. And you know, The History Channel again has been running its end-of-the-world series. On December 21st, 2012, and we're really going to deal with that next week. Thirty different signs that I've accumulated and how they're all in the Bible. I've preached on these many times. It's here, ladies and gentlemen. And he could be the president facing all of this. And we'll see why next week.

Rexella: Now you know, friends, all of these headlines portray something that's very, very important in Bible prophecy. Jesus said, Just before I return, there're going to be wars, unprecedented wars. Some people say, oh, we've always had wars, we've always had wars. But never like this. All these according to the headlines around the world. Nuclear weapons. Unprecedented. Oh my. And then something else I want to ask you, Jack. Are they going to have peace in the Middle East?

Jack: I'll answer that in a moment, Rexella. Let's get into the wars first. In Matthew 24, verses 6 and 7, Jesus said, "You will hear of wars and rumours of wars. Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom". Say, that's important because "kingdom" there means tribes against other tribes. We are paying the tribal leaders now in Afghanistan, in Pakistan to side with us against Al-Qaeda. That's a direct Bible prophecy. There're going to be horrendous wars in the future. In fact, The History Channel has been running, uh, the series again on the end of the world, December 21st, 2012. We'll deal with that next week. And, by the way, the world's never going to end. It's a world without end, Isaiah 45:17 and Ephesians 3:21 says "Unto God be glory and the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages. World without end." So don't worry about it. Sleep well tonight. But there're going to be

some real wars. The Bible predicts that there's going to be a war with Russia. Ezekiel chapter 38 and 39. China's going to join them. Revelation 16:12 and chapter 9, verses 14 to 18. All nations are going to come against Jerusalem, Zechariah 14:2. The picture is not rosy. But I'm going to tell you what else Jesus said, in Luke 21 verse 9. He says when you hear of wars and commotions, wars and revolutionaries, wars and terrorists, don't be frightened. These things must first come before what, Jesus? When they begin, then we'll have verse 27. "They'll see the son of man, me, coming out of the clouds with power and great glory. I'm coming to set up my kingdom." And, ladies and gentlemen, that's right at the door. Why? Because the peace process is now beginning. Now, it must be a seven year program or it's not the one in the Bible. And in Daniel 9:26, we see this global leader coming to power to make a seven-year peace contract. In Daniel 9:26 and 27. But it only lasts for 42 months. It's going to be broken. So watch for what happens in the near future. And the Bible calls it the "contract of death and hell". Isaiah 28:15. Why? Because this world leader destroys many through this peace process. Daniel 8:25. How can he do that? Because everyone's saying it's finally here, oh that which we've longed to see, peace, peace, it's here! But there'll be no peace, Jeremiah 6:14 and Jeremiah 8:11. For when they said peace and safety, then what? "Sudden destruction cometh upon them" and that's when Russia makes the move and we'll talk about that just a little later.

But, how does this tie in with Christ's return? He's the prince of peace, Isaiah 9:6, and when all has failed during the seven year period, he sets his foot upon the Mount of Olives in, uh, Zechariah 14 verse 4 and he sets up a peace for the ages to come. And it says in Isaiah 2 verse 4 that when he comes, they'll beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Come quickly, Lord Jesus.

Rexella: Whoa, what a teaching. Isn't it wonderful? Jesus said before he ascended into heaven, "let not your heart be troubled". I'm in control, I'm coming back, I'm going to bring peace. How wonderful that God is in control. Well friends, we have a very, very important offer of the week. [holds up DVD] It's *December 21st, 2012: History's Final Day?* Take a look.

promo for DVD

voice-over narration: Recently The History Channel promoted, produced and presented the most shocking program Doctor Van Impe ever viewed. It featured seers, prognosticators and self-proclaimed prophets who, for centuries, unitedly proclaimed December 21st, 2012 is history's final day. The end of the world. Who were these prophets of doom? What startling predictions did they make? How, where and when did they so accurately predict scores of global events that were fulfilled? Where did they get such illumination? What preliminary signs did they present as occurring before the final day, December 21st, 2012? Will the seers be right or wrong concerning the culmination, yes, the climax and grand finale of history on December 21st, 2012? Doctor and Missus Van Impe, after extensive research, conclude that instead of doom and gloom, December 21st, 2012 could become the most glorious day in history.

The promo begins with a screen showing The History Channel logo, toll free number 1-800-JVI-7777 and "Donation \$24.95 Canada". There are then a series of images, including a pyramid, historic drawings, Jack and Rexella Van Impe, black & white footage of soldiers marching, a drawing of a war, black & white video footage of soldiers traipsing across field, World Trade Center tower burning, burning planet, and other scenes of destruction. The words "shocking", "December 21st, 2012", "The End of the World!", "Who?", "What?",

“When?”, “Where?”, “Right or Wrong?”, “History’s Final Day?” are intermittently superimposed over the images. The entire promo is accompanied by music.
[toll free number & address remain on screen]

Rexella: [holding DVD] Wooh, there’s the 800 number, there is the address. Please, get this in your home right away. Make the call right away. Jack, there’s so much information on here. Tremendous.

Jack: [holding DVD] There were eight seers covering two thousand and twenty years and all of them predicted the same thing. Imagine, over 20 centuries of predicting that December 21, 2012 would be the end of the world. And next week we’re going to show you why many of them said it. And the signs they gave. There are 30 of them just in this one that will happen around that time. Is becoming fulfilled [*sic*] even at this very moment. It’s starting, ladies and gentlemen.

Rexella: Wooh! Eight hundred number. Please make the call. There’s the address. Or write to us. We’ll get it in the mail as soon as we hear from you. History’s final day? How ‘bout that?

Now, friends, the Obama White House is, will have to navigate a strategic path of peace in their relations with Russia. Now, you know Russia is presenting quite a problem. [article “Russia issues new warning to West” & image of ancient building in desert in background] “Russia issues new warning to the West”. Can you believe it? [article “Resurgent Russia poses challenge for Obama administration” & same image of building] “Resurgent Russia poses challenge for Obama administration”. Just what I said a moment ago. [article from *Space War: Your World at War* “Russia wants to test Obama on missile defense” & image of missile in background] “Russia wants to test Obama on missile defense” Now, we, we want to put up a missile defence in Europe. Oh my, oh my. He’s got his hands full. [article “Russia’s Woes Spell Trouble for the U.S.” & image of Russian flag] “Russia’s Woes Spell Trouble for the United States.” [article from *Haaretz.com*, “Russia to supply Lebanon with 10 MIG-29 fighter jets” & image of fighter jet] And “Russia to supply Lebanon with ten MIG twen-, twenty-nine fighter jets.” Can you believe it? They’re supplying Lebanon with those. [article from *guardian.co.uk*, “Russia to raise nuclear missile output fourfold” & image of reactor] And “Russia to raise nuclear missile output fourfold.” That’s four hundred per cent, friends! Four hundred per cent! [article from *The Jerusalem Post* “Russia to supply missiles to Syria” & image of row of large missiles] Once again, “Russia to supply missiles to Syria”. They’re sending them many, many places. [another article from *Space War*, “Russia tests new S-400 air defense system” & image of rocket being launched] “Russia tests new S-400 air defense.” [article from *Space War*, “Russia to test-launch at least 5 Bulava ICBMs in 2009” & image of rocket landing in water] “Russia to test-launch at least 5 Bulava ICBMs in 2009”. They were only going to do three. Now it’s up to five. [article from *Reuters*, “Russia wants warships stationed around the world” & image of warship] And, “Russia wants warships stationed around the world”. There they are. [article “Beijing considers upgrades to navy & image of China’s flag] “Beijing considers upgrades to the navy”. There’s China. North Korea. [article from *Space War*, “North Korea nuclear ambitions will test Obama” & image of Korean flag] “North Korea nuclear ambitions will test Obama”. [article “A Mushrooming Problem” with photo of Ahmadinejad & “2012” in background] And here we have another nation. There you see the Iranian president Ahmadinejad. “A Mushrooming Problem: Sounding an alarm as the ultimate weapon of mass destruction spreads”.

You must read with me, friends, something that was in the *Wall Street Journal*. This is shocking. [Words appear on screen with “2012” in background being struck by lightning bolts.] “We live in what has come to resemble a nuclear madhouse. Nine countries are known nuclear powers, including the basket case of Pakistan and lunatic-led North Korea. Unless the world takes action, another lunatic-led state, Iran, will soon join the list. Indeed the time is drawing short: The *Wall Street Journal*” went on, “reported on that Friday that United States officials have discovered ‘fresh evidence of recent efforts by Iran to evade sanctions.’” They don’t want it. “And to acquire the means to deliver nuclear weapons on long-range missiles, bringing about a world in which ‘millions will die’ and ‘more than one democratic society will be consigned to a dust heap of history’.”

Friends, I don’t know about you, but the last few words here: “the dust heap of history”? My oh my, Jack, I’ve never read anything like that in my life.

Jack: Oh Rexella, what a shocking headline I just picked up. [Holds piece of paper and reads] “Henry Kissinger says the world must forge a new world order or retreat to chaos”. Disintegration. He said there’s no hope unless we have a one-world government. And last week I showed you where Kissinger, who’s been the advisor to so many presidents, says we are priming President Obama to rule the new world order in the future. I don’t know what’s been negotiated. I don’t know what’s been said. I listened to what Kissinger has to say and next week we’re going to, once again, use that article because that is unbelievable. And I’ll tell you why. This is the final sign in history before Jesus returns. A new world order. And then Christ appears to set up the greater new world order. His kingdom here on Earth. What a time to be alive, Rexella. And this Kissinger is a member of the Bilderbergs. Just had a secret meeting in Virginia where they planned to microchip all humans in the future. And not the distant future. This, uh, the final signs. Oh folks, it’s so good to be saved and to know the Lord. Let’s go on with what’s going on in Russia, Rexella.

Rexella: Oh right, yes. I did mention that, uh, our new president’s going to have a very tough path if he wants to make peace with Russia. And, Jack, you’re probably the first one that I ever heard speak on the rise of Russia and what she’s going to do just before the Lord comes.

Jack: Rexella, I was with Doctor L. Sale-Harrison, who was a great prophetic speaker. This is fifty years ago. We were in a conference together. And he had his book *The Great Northern Confederacy*, Russia. I got interested. I read Doctor M.R. De Haan’s materials on Russia. And they were the only two at that time, and perhaps Charlie Fuller, preaching these things. Well the Lord really fired me up. And I got a message entitled “The Coming War with Russia” according to the Bible. I didn’t say the “Soviet Union” because the Bible says “Russia”. And now it’s come back to that. So I was right on all of these five decades. Now, in Ezekiel 38 and 39 we have a war described. And in verses 1 and 2, we have Gog, Magog, Meshech, Tubal and Rosh that fight the war of the latter years and the latter days, verses 8 and 16. And of course Rosh there is “Rosia” in the Greek and “Russia” in English. And “Rosh” is the Hebrew term. And the Old Testament was written in Hebrew. In chapter 39, God goes to the aid of his ancient people, Israel. He says, “I’m against you, Gog, the Rosh prince of Moscow and Tobolsk, and I’ll turn you back and leave but a sixth part of thee.” Five-sixths of their armies fall, so that in verse 12 it takes seven months to bury the dead troops. And every available man does the job to get rid of the corpse [*sic*] in verse 13. They, we see Russia coming down in Joel 2 verse 3 and a fire devours before them. They’re pushed back to Siberia, verse 20. And as they’re pushed back, the Prophet sees blood, fire, pillars of smoke, atomic warfare. Nine nations now have this weapon. And they have

fourteen thousand missiles between them. Russia and America being the two top ones. And they say when this is unleashed, it could destroy all of the world six different times. You talk about 2012 and what's ahead. God help us. Now you wonder why Russia is giving all of these armaments and selling them to Iran and to the Arab worlds, Syria, Lebanon and all the rest. Because they are allies with Russia at that time, found in Daniel chapter 11 verse 40, Isaiah 17:1, Ezekiel 38 verses 5 to 7, and Psalm 83 verses 5 to 7. For what purpose? Psalm 83:4, "Let us cast Israel off from being a nation, that their name be no more remembrance." "Eighteen times the battleground of the world is Israel" in Ezekiel chapter 38 and 39. God help that little nation in the future. But the Shanghai Cooperation Organization is Russia and China saying they're going to work together in a future war. And China will be the second invasion. And that's Revelation 16:12 when the kings of the East come down through the area of the Euphrates River to Israel. And she has taken over the leftover armies of Russia with her in Daniel 11:44. And what a time it's going to be upon this earth. But as all these things are happening and all nations come against Jerusalem, Zechariah 14:2, the Lord Jesus returns, sets his foot upon the Mount of Olives, Zechariah 14 verse 4, and he brings the peace I was talking about later. And at that time, the kings of this world are become the kingdoms of our Christ and he shall reign forever and forever and, oh, the peace that's going to be! And, you know, on top of the U.N. building it says that they're going to beat their swords into plowshares, but they've missed it. Because they've forgotten about Jesus. What this Bible says is "He shall come" and then they'll beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks! But this new world order. Everything is the last sign before Jesus comes. That's how near it is.

Rexella: Mmm. You might be sitting there and thinking, Well, I know that Jesus is going to bring peace, but how can I have it right now? How can I experience all the things we're going through and have peace? Because, when you open your heart to the Lord, he comes in to your heart. And he brings peace. Oh, Jack, show us how we can have peace with the Lord in our lives.

Jack: Oh, precious Jesus is the prince of peace. And he made peace through the blood of his cross, Colossians 1:20, for you. It's so simple to be saved. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, Acts 16:30, 31. Look at me and pray this: Lord Jesus, thank you for Calvary. Thank you for bearing my sin. Say it. And suffering for me and my sin. Now how wonderful, Jesus, to know that if I receive you now, I am cleansed. Washed. Forgiven. And it's all forgotten. And so, Jesus, I trust you today to be my saviour. Come into my heart. Save me. Cleanse me now. I pray this in your beautiful, holy name. Amen.

Rexella: Aamen. Don't turn to alcohol, don't turn to, uh, drugs or anything else. Turn to the Lord. I trust that you prayed that prayer. If you did, please write to me. There's my address. Box 7004, Troy, Michigan. I'll send you absolutely free this little booklet [holds up booklet] for steps in a new direction. And the Lord will walk with you and give you peace. And now, friends, let me just say that, with this wonderful, wonderful new offer [holds up DVD], *December 21, 2012: History's Final Day?*, we have never had anything quite like it. Because Jack has analyzed so many things on here. And Jack, you know, we've been talking a lot about these various secular groups and cultural groups that prophesied the end of the world.

Jack: Oh, we're really going to deal with it next week. Tell others about it. But there were eight major seers covering two thousand and twenty years and they all said the same thing. It's going to happen in 2012 on December 21st, is the world ends. Don't believe it. I'll show you why next week. However, many of the things they predicted, thirty of them on this video,

are happening even now in preparation for December 21st, 2012. And I believe something greater could happen. The return of Christ. Because the last sign is the new world order and we're gone once it happens!

Rexella: Where did the seers get all their information? Are they right or wrong? Here is our announcer to tell you how you can receive it. Chuck?

Chuck: [standing behind desk] Thank you, Rexella. My friend, to order your copy [cost & ordering phone number & addresses appear on screen] of *December 21st, 2012* on DVD or VHS, have your credit card ready and call toll free, 24 hours a day, 1-800-JVI-7777. To order by mail in the U.S., send your donation of twenty-four ninety-five to Jack Van Impe Ministries, Box 7004, Troy, Michigan, 48007. In Canada, send your donation of twenty-four ninety-five to Jack Van Impe Ministries of Canada, Box 1717, Postal Station A, Windsor, Ontario, N9A 6Y1. And now back to Rexella.

Rexella: Thank you so very much, Chuck. Don't put off making your call. There's the 800 number and there is the address. We want to get this in the mail as soon as we hear from you. So much information. Jack really spent a lot of time on it. So make the call, right now. By the way, we have a wonderful website. And there you see it [web address appears on screen] JVIM.com. So you can go there and see this program again and so much more. Could I just leave you with this wonderful, wonderful thought? You should never let adversity get you down. Except on your knees. We'll look forward to being in your home again next week. 'Til then, remember: God cares for you. So do we, so very much. Bye-bye.

The following is a transcript of the relevant portions of the May 31 broadcast:

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Rexella: Hello, and welcome to *Jack Van Impe Presents*. Oh friends, we have so very, very much to share with you today. And I'm so grateful that we can gather the global headlines and bring them to you so that we can focus on the important things around the world. Some of them will be "Pakistan and the United States: Victims of Terror and Partners in Peace". Also "President Obama and Prime Minister Netanyahu Warn Each Other". And "Will There Be another Great Depression?" Oh yes, we're going to be discussing all that and so very, very much more with our global headlines.

[Jack tells joke & then cites related scriptures]

Jack: And Rexella, am I thankful that God has called us at an hour like this. A prophetic voice to every nation on Earth, 247 of them, that Jesus is coming soon. When you hear about Korea and Pakistan and Iran and what's going on and how our president and Hillary Clinton are really concerned about another war. What a blessing to be able to tell the world, this means Jesus is coming very, very soon. And, you know, we're obeying this book [holds up Bible] in Acts 1:8. We are to preach the gospel to the uttermost parts of the Earth. And we are. And we're getting people saved. Two and a half million already. And Proverbs 11:30 says "He that winneth souls is wise". And whether it's us or you by sponsoring us to get these souls saved, there's going to be a great reward because Daniel 12:3 says "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament. And they that turn many to righteousness, soul-winning, as the stars forever and forever." Let's work for that soul-winner's crown.

Rexella: Oh yes, we appreciate all of those who help us. And we appreciate you allowing us to come into your home every single week. And perhaps you are a sponsor, allowing us to stay in your community. And, you know, I just happened to think as Jack was talking there, finally that prayer is going to be answered. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. What a wonderful day that will be when the Lord returns.

And we're going to be getting to our global headlines now. [TV screen beside her has photo of Barack Obama and caption "Obama's Progress Report".] Has America entered a new, bold, bold policy agenda? [cover of *U.S. News & World Report* magazine with photo of Obama & headline "Progress Report" & image of White House in background] Well, he certainly does have a bold policy agenda. On *U.S. News & World Report*, "Progress Report: The President Has Set in Motion a Profound Agenda". [photo of Obama & headline from *BBC News* "Obama pledges new U.S. engagement"] Going on, "Obama pledges new U.S. engagement". And this is what he had to say in this article: that "we will never be at war with Islam". Oh dear. Well, we're going to talk about that. [article "Obama says reaching out to U.S. foes works" & image of peace symbol in background] "Obama says reaching out to U.S. foes works". Let's see if it's going to work. [article "Pakistan and the United States: Victims of terror. Partners in peace." & Pakistan flag] And "Pakistan and the United States". Here we see what I said a moment ago. "Victims of terror. Partners in peace". Right at this moment we both want it. [article from *Ynet* "Report: U.S. to capture Pakistan's nuclear stockpile if extremists take power" & image of missile] "U.S. to capture Pakistan's nuclear stockpile if extremists take power". Now, if they take over, we've got to take control. [article from *The Wall Street Journal* "Korean Blast Draws Outrage" & image of Kim Jong-il & rocket] Oh dear, here we are. "Korean Blast Draws Outrage". And that outrage not only comes from the United States, from around the world. [article from *National Post* "North Korea threatens military strike on South" & moving image in background] "North Korea threatens military strike on the South". Jack and I have been in South Korea and how frightened they must be as they think about this one. [article from *Ynet* "Russia fears Korea conflict could go nuclear"] Again, "Russia fears Korea conflict could go nuclear".

Jack: Wow.

Rexella: [article "U.S. says al-Qaida still greatest threat to America" & image of 3 Arab men in background] And again, "U.S. says al-Qaida" – oh oh – "still the greatest threat to America". Oh my, oh my. I could not, oh, my heart was burdened. [article "Four Men Held in U.S. Terror Case" & image of poster with word "Terrorism" & scene of World Trade Center towers burning & silhouette of man in foreground] "Four Men Held in U.S. Terror Case". And that, of course, that's in New York City. They captured them before they could complete their

mission. [article "N.Y. temple plot 'chilling'" & image of star of David] "New York temple plot 'chilling'". They wanted to blow up the synagogues there. There're terrorists right there in New York. [article "Netanyahu willing to restart Middle East talks"] "Netanyahu willing to restart Middle East talks". [article from *The Wall Street Journal*, "Leaders Jockey for Diplomatic Edge" & photo of Netanyahu] And from *The Wall Street Journal*, "Leaders Jockey for Diplomatic Edge". And let me just say something about this. This is a tale of two leaders, friends. They're both articulate, smart and carry themselves with self-confidence like few people on Earth. [article from *Haaretz.com*, "President Obama warns Netanyahu: don't surprise me with Iran strike"] And again, "President Obama warns Netanyahu: don't surprise me with Iran strike". Now that's the first warning. Let's take a look at another warning. [article from *WorldNetDaily*, "Israeli warning to Obama: Your talk gives Iran nukes"] "Israeli warning to Obama: Your talk gives Iran nukes". All right, I am going to back up here, friends. With that first *U.S. News & World Report* about President Obama who set a profound agenda. We all know that. It's very, very speedy and profound. But also in this article there's a question: "Will the initiatives work?" Will they work, Doctor Jack Van Impe? What do you think?

Jack: Right now we're reading a lot of articles in the newspapers and even Congress, whether they're Democrats or Republicans, are concerned that they can't get this all done in time. For instance, the new revision of the health policy of America for every citizen by July. I'm hearing comments all the time. It just can't be done. But anyway, we need to pray for our president because I would hate to be in his shoes. You can't be in that position without getting criticism and First Timothy 2:1 says "I exhort, first of all, that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men. For kings and presidents and for all who are in authority that we may live a quiet and peaceable life." We're going to see what he's able to accomplish soon. But, take care of the auto industry, the finances, the foreclosures on the homes, the health policy. I don't know how he's going to do it.

Rexella: All right. And I'm going to back up again to another statement that he made while he was in Turkey. He said, to their Parliament there, "We will never be at war with Islam". Never be at war with Islam. That's quite a statement there, Jack.

Jack: Yes. I can't agree with that because we are already at war with Islam. We are fighting them in Iraq, in Afghanistan. Perhaps soon in Pakistan. Perhaps very soon in Iran. Uh, this man, Ahmadinejad, who says "I must wipe out the Jew before my messiah, Mahdi, comes", is bent on this. And now we have this problem with Korea. And Korea's been supplying equipment to Iran! God only knows what the future holds, but we will have war. In fact, next week, I'm going to bring to you the most shocking program you've ever heard. You will never have heard anything like this historically and biblically. Because three wars were planned from 1859 to 1871 and the last one was to be a war between Islam and Christianity, Islam and Judaism, Islam and the western world. It's all documented for next week. But, you see, the Bible says in Ezekiel 38 and 39 that Gog, Magog, Meshech and Tubal, all cities in Russia, will march against Israel. It's mentioned 18 times as Israel. When? In the latter years and the latter days. This is not something that took place in the past. It's for our time in history. And who is with them? Well, in Daniel 11:40, we have Egypt. In Isaiah 17:1, we have Syria. In Ezekiel 38 verses, uh, 5 to 7, we have *Persia*. That's Iran and Iraq. And then we have Cush and Put in the Hebrew. And that includes Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and many nations in Africa. And then when we get to Psalm chapter 83 verses 5 to 7, there're another ten Muslim nations involved in the war as they unite with Russia. And we are going to fight them if we believe what the Bible says.

Rexella: Mm. I just wish that terrorism were over, don't you? Terrorism, it is far from being over, friends. Far from being over. Take a look at Pakistan. Terrible terrorism over there. Then North Korea, the terrible blast that they had, of nuclear tests there. Well, they received world condemnation for that. And then, the four men in New York. Terrorists! They were homegrown, right here! They were going to blow up synagogues and, oh, Jack, terrorism is far from being over.

Jack: That was the third war planned, which I'm going to give to you next week. And that was between Islam and Israel. And even these men were converted in a prison to Islam and they want to start blowing up the Jewish synagogues in New York City. Well, that's Genesis 6:11. "In the days of Noah, the world was filled with violence and terrorism". And that's Genesis 6:11 and Jesus picked up on that in Matthew 24:37 when he says "As the days of Noah were, violence and terrorism, so shall it be when I, the son of man, returns". So it's coming. And I'll tell you, when Russia and Hillary Clinton and Obama all are concerned that this could lead to a great world war, atomic weapons will be used. And I give these verses often, but I can't quote them, I'll just give you the numbers: Psalm 97:3, Isaiah 66:15, Joel chapter 2 verses 3 and 30, Zephaniah 1:18, Malachi 4:1, Revelation 8:7, Revelation 9:18 and study second Peter chapter 3 verses 10 to 12. On all having to do with a war that involves fiery incineration. It's coming. And I'll tell you, Rexella, as I said at the beginning, I'm so glad that God's allowing us to preach this message to the whole world. Everything you hear weekly is going to every nation on Earth. And I believe God has raised us up for this hour to say Jesus is about to come. For these are the signs. This new world order, remember, is the final sign before Jesus returns. Wow.

Rexella: Mm, you know, I kind of wish that we had the top of our, of our program "the good news from Jack Van Impe" before we get into all these headlines. But that's good news, Jack. The Lord's coming back. And he said, look for the things that we're talking about –

Jack: Right, right.

Rexella: – right now.

Jack: Sure.

Rexella: Because they're going to happen before I come back.

Jack: When Jesus in Luke 21:9 said when you hear of wars and commotions, wars and revolutionaries, wars and terrorism, don't be frightened! These things must first come, before what? Verse 27, "Then when they're coming and they're here now shall they see the son of man coming on a cloud with power and great glory". He's about to appear, folks. Be ready.

Rexella: I love it, I love it. But I have one more question here. And it has to do with the new world order. All these headlines, Jack, how do they fit together, pointing to a time when we'll have a one-world government, a new world order?

Jack: Well, as you know, Kissinger said we are preparing Obama to create the new world order and Brown is pushing Blair, really his enemy in the past in the U.K., to become the first permanent president of the European Union because he says "I want Blair to be a partner with Obama in the creation and architecture of the new world order." Every sign that you hear, every sign from Revelations chapters 6 to 18 occurs during the reign of the leader of the new world order. It's the final sign. I can't emphasize it enough.

Rexella: All right. Friends, we need to be focussing on the fact that the Lord could come very, very soon. That is good news. We're going to get on with more global headlines in just a moment. But let me just say that, whoa, you want to get your call in right away. We're really trying to get them out as fast as we can [holds up DVD]. *New World Order Rising*, our wonderful offer of the week.

promo for *New World Order Rising* DVD

voice-over: The new world order, the final sign preceding Christ's return, was predicted by St. Jerome sixteen hundred years ago. The fulfillment began on May 1st, 1776 in Germany as the Illuminati reared its [sic] ugly head. Out of this movement, sprang six global organizations: the Council of Foreign Relations, the Bilderbergs, the United Nations, and the New Age Movement, all promoting a one-world government. In 1933, the announcement of this new world order appeared on the back of the American dollar. How would it begin? By creating a global economic crisis. It's happened! Next, the Bilderbergs' plan is the micro-chipping of the world's citizens by 2017. Recently, Henry Kissinger, advisor to numerous presidents, stated "Obama is primed to create the new world order". He added, "We must forge ahead or retreat to chaos." Find out more. Who? What? Where? When? And Why?

telephone number & cost appear on screen, followed by images of Jesus, St. Jerome, map of Germany, a member of alleged Illuminati, Earth, close-up of symbol on American dollar bill, money, newspaper article entitled "Microchip implants viewed as the end of privacy in U.S.", hand with a chip in it, world map, Henry Kissinger, article from *WorldNetDaily* entitled "Kissinger: Obama primed to create 'New World Order'", and article from *The Independent* entitled "Henry Kissinger: The world must forge a new order or retreat to chaos". Words appear on screen: "New World Order", "Final Sign", "St. Jerome", "May 1, 1776", "Illuminati", "6 Global Organizations", "Council of Foreign Relations", "Bilderbergs", "United Nations", "New Age Movement", "One World Government", "1933", "It's Happened", "2017", "Who?", "What?", "Where?", "When?", "Why?".

Rexella: Oh, as I said, get that order in right away. There is the 800 number and there is the address. Our men and ladies are working overtime here at our headquarters, so please call right away. We want you to have it right away. It's so important, Jack.

Jack: We give you 22 minutes. This is an hour and forty minutes and historically and biblically it covers everything. By the way, we will have hit thirty thousand this week, praise the Lord. And we believe it's going to fifty, sixty thousand. We've got a few more weeks left, but listen to me. The biggest thing in the history of this ministry was 2012. We're running 40% higher –

Rexella: Whooh!

Jack: – and our people are working overtime.

Rexella: Whoa, so, make the call right now. There's the eight hundred number and there is the address. And we'll get it out to you as soon as we hear from you.

Let me just say, friends, that we certainly praise the Lord so much for the fact that you can have something in your home that will encourage your heart. And that is what Jack Van Impe's going to tell you in just a moment. But let me just go on here with some headlines. [on TV screen beside her is photo of Putin & caption "Still in Charge"] "Is Putin still in power in Russia?" Is he still in power in Russia? [article appears on screen "Putin's Ninth Year in Power" & photo of Putin & Russian flag in background] Let's take a look at this first headline. "Putin's Ninth Year in Power". Now they have another president, but he's in power. [article "Russia parades new missile defense system" & image of missile equipment] And again, "Russia parades new missile defense system". They're not cutting back. [article from *BBC News*, "Major Cyber spy network uncovered" & China's flag] "Major Cyber spy network uncovered". Oh my, electronic spy network. [article from *Los Angeles Times*, "Cyber-attack on defense department computers raises concerns" & futuristic image of inside computer] "Cyber-attack on defense department computers raises concerns". Of course it would. Our defense department? [article from *BBC News*, "U.S. needs 'digital warfare force'" & another futuristic image] "U.S. needs 'digital warfare force'". Digital. [article from *Space War*, "U.S. military prepares for 'cyber command': official"] And again, "U.S. military prepares for 'cyber command': official". We need that, friends. [article "What a Single Nuclear Warhead Could Do" & image of explosion cloud] "What a Single Nuclear Warhead Could Do". It certainly could. [article "What Iran's missile test means to U.S." & image of Iranian flag & missile] And, "What Iran's missile test means to the United States".

Well, I'm going to go back to Russia here. And when our president was over, uh, in that area, he made a deal with Russia. And it was pretty astounding to me, Jack. Will you expand on that just a little bit for me, please?

Jack: Well, they tried to be very secretive about it, but the *New York Times* got a hold of it and published it. And he said to the Russian people and to Putin and Medvedev, "If you help me control Iran" – because they may go wacky with this nuclear bomb that they'll soon have – "I will see to it that we do not put up our defence system in Poland and Czechoslovakia." Well, that's good if you trust Russia, but I don't because the Bible predicts that there will be a war. Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 in the latter years and latter days, 38 verse 16. And we are going to be involved against Russia along with many other nations. The whole European Union will be on our side at that time. You can't go against the word of God. In fact, Rexella, when we were in Israel, we asked President Navan at that time "Do you believe that Russia will ever invade?" He says "Of course". I believe Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 in my Old Testament. It's coming, ladies and gentlemen.

Now, I want to tell you about this cyber-warfare. There are three things that could bring America, Canada and Mexico to a halt. The first one is what could happen in 2012. This is from The History Channel. When our people at NASA say there could be tremendous solar storms that will block out the electrical system from coast to coast. Number two, I've told you this many times, Ahmadinejad can get a ship within two hundred miles of our country

and send up a missile with an atomic bomb on it, three hundred miles in space, explode it, it mingles with the gamma rays and as it comes to Earth with the magnetic field and blots out all electric from coast to coast [*sic*]. But wait a minute! Now Russia and China both are manipulating our computers from their nation to blot out everything from coast to coast. Do you know that means cars wouldn't run, buses wouldn't be moving any more, the trains, the planes, everything would be blocked. We couldn't get groceries to where it [*sic*] needs to go. We are living in the last times. And that's why second Timothy 3:1 says "This know also the last times perilous, dangerous times shall come." Oh, how we need to be living for the Lord and winning people to Christ and getting our own hearts in order. Because we're going to see our Lord soon.

Rexella: You know, something here, Jack, major cyber spy network was uncovered. Now, you know where that was based mainly? In China. It was based mainly in China. And it's, uh, has infiltrated into 103 countries. We didn't have time last week to elaborate on that, but, Jack, thank you so much for elaborating more on that cyber, uh, attack that could happen.

Jack: It's one of the most dangerous things. They say it's far worse than any atomic war. Because of what it can accomplish in blotting out everything from coast to coast and not being able to deliver goods to any city any more.

Rexella: Well, you know, a picture from *The Washington Post*. Oh, it tells such a story and I want to go on here with some of the headlines. [TV screen beside her has caption "It's the Economy"] It tells a story from the past and it has to do with the economy, of course. [historical cover of *The Washington Post*, headline "Depression, Recession, and Letting Go"] Right here, you see it. "Depression, Recession, and Letting Go". Of course, that is the past, the Great Depression. [article & numbers scrolling by in background] Sixteen years ago. Of course, it talks about the great depression that could be ahead. Now it predicts we aren't even at the bottom yet. And things aren't, don't look good. [article "Jobless rate climbs in 46 States, With California at 11.2%" & words "unemployment" with arrow pointing up] "Jobless Rate Climbs in 46 States, With California at", take a look at that, at "11.2%". Oh my. [article "GM to Close 1,100 Dealerships" & GM logo in background] And "GM to Close 1,100 Dealerships". My heart goes out to them. [article "Chrysler Ax Falls Across U.S." & Chrysler logo in background] "Chrysler Ax Falls Across America". [article from *Detroit Free Press*, "Auto pension trouble on horizon?" &] And again, "Auto pension trouble on horizon?" My, oh my. [article "Company pensions are out on a limb" &] And "Company pensions are out on a limb". So many people are concerned about that. They're relying on it. [article "Recession edges Medicare, Social Security to insolvency" & dollar sign in background] "Recession edges Medicare, Social Security to insolvency".

Jack: God help us.

Rexella: Oh yes. [article "International Cooperation Is the Way Out of the Financial Crisis" &] And "International Cooperation Is the Way Out of the Financial Crisis". And I can't believe that question. A great question for Jack. International cooperation? Is this the way out, Jack? What do you think?

Jack: Well, that's the way they think is the way out because the world leaders planned the coming of the new world order for a hundred years now. And they said we'll finally do it by

creating an economic crisis, so that money and property is devalued and we'll bring in socialism and we'll all be equal in the near future. But because of it, and what Rexella just read to you, we believe it's right at the door. This is going to happen drastically during the reign of the leader of the new world order. And it's James chapter 5 verses 1 to 3. "Go to now you rich men. Weep and howl for all your miseries that shall come upon you. Why are they crying? Your riches are corrupted. Your gold and silver is [sic] cankered and the rest of them shall be a witness against you and that day." And they are so broken-hearted because they've massed, amassed treasure and now it's all lost. And Revelation 18 continues with verse 10. "In one hour is thy judgment come". Verse 17, "In one hour so great riches is come to naught to nothing." Verse 19, "In one hour, she made desolate." Have you seen anything happen so rapidly with finances and foreclosures and everything going berserk? This is Bible prophecy. It's two thousand years old. And we have lived to see it happen in our lifetime! In fact, it gets so bad, they are casting their silver in the streets. It's become meaningless. And that's Ezekiel 7:19. And their gold is going to be confiscated in this day of socialism. Oh, I'll tell you, Jesus is at the door. Because this is the final sign, because when Christ returns, he puts a stop to the new world order. And that's in Psalm 2, verses 1 to 6, second Thessalonians 2:8 and Revelation 19:19. And then sets up his glorious kingdom on Earth where we'll not have any more of these problems.

Rexella: Oh my. Isn't it wonderful to have the glorious, glorious anticipation of the return of the Lord? But if he came today, would you welcome him? Would you be happy that he came? Would you say, "Oh Lord, I was waiting for you, I'm ready"? Jack, show us how to be ready.

Jack: Oh, what a wonderful saviour is Jesus my Lord. He left heaven for 33 years to suffer a horrendous death, knowing it was going to happen when he came to save you. There's only one way: the blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, cleanseth from all sin. I don't care what you've done, how often you've done it, how hideous, heinous the sin appears in your own eyes. That precious blood will cleanse you from anything you've ever done. Now let's ask him to help us. Lord Jesus, – look at me and pray it – wonderful saviour, wonderful Lord, thank you for what you suffered for me. Thank you for shedding your precious blood to save me. And, oh Lord Jesus, I want to give you my heart today. I open it and I ask you to come in and save me now. I pray this in your holy name. Amen.

Rexella: Aamen. Jack, that was a beautiful prayer. How wonderful to know how heinous, how horrible the past may be, the Lord will blot it out and you'll be ready for heaven and he'll walk with you now. He'll give you peace right now. I'm going to send you absolutely free this little booklet and there's my address. If you'll just write to me and say, Rexella, I prayed that prayer. The Lord's in my heart. *First Steps in a New Direction*, the Lord will walk with you every day. Please, let me hear from you. And now, friends, let me just say, whoo, again, this is an all-important offer. *The New World Order Rising*. I never even knew about the Illuminati and Bilderbergs and all the rest, but this explains what's going on right now and it started a long time ago, Jack.

Jack: Don't forget next week, the most important sermon you will hear in this series. By the way, [holds up DVD] this is an hour and forty minutes long. And I said to Rexella, when I reviewed everything they did and all the glorious graphics, I said "If God called me home this week, this would be the legacy I'd leave behind for the rest of the world." Because it tells you the way. And you'll know what's happening and why it's happening. Please get it.

Rexella: So you may want to order two! It's an all-important one. Here's our announcer to tell you how you can receive it. Chuck?

Chuck: Thank you, Rexella. My friend, to order your copy of the *New World Order Rising* on DVD or VHS, [ordering address & info appears on screen] have your credit card ready and call toll free twenty-four hours a day 1-800-JVI-7777. To order by mail in the U.S., send your donation of twenty-four ninety-five to Jack Van Impe Ministries, Box 7004, Troy, Michigan, 48007. In Canada, send your donation of twenty-four ninety-five to Jack Van Impe Ministries of Canada, Box 1717, Postal Station A, Windsor, Ontario, N9A 6Y1. My friend, order this amazing video today. Back to Rexella.

Rexella: Thank you so much, Chuck. And we're going to be wrapping this up before you know it, so don't put it off! There's the eight hundred number! Get your call in today, please. Oh, go to our website and that's JVIM.com. We're always there for you. So, you can even see this program again. Let me just say, you know, I was going to give you a different thought, but God just wants me to share this one with you. This is the one from my heart: The best reason for doing right today is tomorrow. Oh, my oh my. We'll look forward to being in your home again next week and, until then, remember, God cares for you. And so do we. So very much. Bye-bye.

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APPENDIX B

CBSC Decision 08/09-0691 & -1774 CKND-TV (Global Manitoba) re *Jack Van Impe Presents*

The Complaint

The CBSC received the following complaint via its webform on January 25, 2009:

station: Global TV
program: *Jack Van Impe*
date: every Sunday morning
time: 1/2 hr.
concern: There should be a warning about violent and inappropriate language.

The host and co-host (wife), a TV evangelist of the lowest form ... the show continually spreads hate and warns us about impending doom and the end of the world. Mr. Van Impe tries to connect Bible prophecies with today's news. He continually (every week) warns us that Iran, Russia, China, Korea are all out to destroy America (and Canada as well, I assume) in one way or another.

I have kept an eye on this program for the past few years and his rhetoric is getting more extreme. I am a baby boomer and when I was 8 or 9 years old I heard Garner Ted Armstrong's radio show *The World of Tomorrow*. He was also an evangelical preacher and preached about the end of the world. It freaked me out so much my parents turned it off after I went running to them crying that we were all going to die in a nuclear blast. Remember this is also around the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Imagine this: at school we had drills and practised hiding under our school desks in case of nuclear attack from Russia.

So ... on a Sunday morning while the parents are asleep or whatever and the 8-year-old starts to flip through the channels looking for Sunday morning CARTOONS (what kid doesn't watch cartoons on Sundays?), he finds the Jack Van Impe show, starts to watch a kindly-looking old man talk about how Russia and Iran are going to kill us all. I'm sure you get the picture.

This show needs a CBSC warning to parents (even Christians) that this show is violent and misleading. The hunting shows on Global on Sunday mornings have them because they show deer and bear being shot with CROSSBOWS!!

We do not have to treat these evangelical Christians fear/hate-mongers with kid gloves anymore.

The CBSC informed the complainant that he would need to provide the date and time of a specific episode in order for the CBSC to proceed with his complaint. He responded on January 28 with a promise to do so:

Thank you for the quick response.

Even though I don't feel it's necessary, I will follow your instructions re identifying a specific program.

The premise of any of Jack Van Impe's shows is that the end of the world is coming and "rogue nations" such as Iran, Russia and North Korea are our enemies. What is even worse is ... he then uses biblical prophecies and other writings (which he quotes directly from some chapter of the Bible) and somehow connects them with current events by quoting from several newspapers and other media. It's all misleading at best and usually blatant lies.

We have to remember Christianity is based on a myth, not FACT, thus whatever he says is NOT TRUE in any sense and people must be warned especially children. His show is far more damaging to children than *Family Guy*. Again, we allow way too much leeway for religious programs that teach intolerance and hate.

He then sent another e-mail on February 12:

In response to your request for detail, I went to the Jack Van Impe Ministries website (www.jvim.com) and reviewed a couple of podcasts.

Fortunately they have past podcasts, so I picked one from Jan.24/09. I can only say you need to watch to believe. It's incredible how he gets away with his BS.

This episode has it all ... fear and hate mongering (Russia, China, Iran, N. Korea, Lebanon will attack us). He mentioned the end of the world DEC. 21/2012 several times ... that is bare bones violence that no child, Christian or not, should be exposed to. Our kids are fed enough poison on TV, movies, and video games. They don't need to think the world is ending on 12/21/2012. If I had my way, this kind of child abuse would be banned. There is not one iota of truth in anything he says.

If you go to www.jvim.com, you will find past weekly podcasts you can listen to.

<http://podcast.jvim.com/video/0904.mp4> Global Winnipeg Jan. 24/09 @ 9 a.m. (I think)

Welcome to Jack Van Impe Ministries International webarchive

Please remember Sunday mornings kids are watching tv looking for cartoons or whatever. Even if one child is frightened by this show, there needs to be a warning of violence. Too bad there can't be a warning for BS.

The CBSC then explained to the complainant that it cannot deal with website content; he would need to provide the date and time that he actually saw the program on traditional television. He wrote again on February 17:

Hello,

The Jack Van Impe Ministries show that I refer to was aired on January 24/09 on Global TV Winnipeg at 8:30 am not 9:00 am, as I stated in my previous email.

My complaint has nothing to do with the website. How on earth did you get that impression?

I simply gave YOU an opportunity to view the show that I saw. There is nothing they can do to change the context or the basic premise of the show and they coordinate with Global

programming. Because of the violent content and bigotry, it is simply unsuitable for children under 14 to watch.

The CBSC then accepted his complaint, although the broadcaster noted that it was actually aired on January 25th.

Broadcaster Response

Global responded to the complainant on March 17:

We are in receipt of your letter via the CBSC regarding Global Television's broadcast of *Jack Van Impe Presents*, January 25, 2009 at 8:30 am on CKND Global Winnipeg.

In your letter, you have expressed concerns regarding inappropriate content - violence and language.

Let me begin by saying that as responsible broadcasters, we are sensitive to the members of our viewing audience and we apologize if this show offended you; I assure you that it was not our intention to do so.

Under the *Broadcasting Act*, broadcasters are required to provide a broad spectrum of entertainment and information programming for "men, women and children of all ages, interests and tastes". Television programming is required to be diverse and appealing to a wide range of audiences. Before we decide to broadcast a program, our Programming Department screens it to ensure it is suitable for broadcast. The determination of suitability includes ensuring that the broadcast would not contravene applicable broadcast laws and industry codes including, but not limited to, the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' (CAB) *Code of Ethics*, *Equitable Portrayal Code for Television and Radio Programming*, and *CAB Violence Code*. As a result, what one viewer might consider an interesting or informative program might lead another to turn the channel.

Clause 8 of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) Code of Ethics states:

Broadcasters should endeavour to make available to the community adequate opportunity for presentation of religious messages and should also endeavour to assist in all ways open to them the furtherance of religious activities in the community.

Jack Van Impe Presents is a religious program featuring American televangelist Jack Van Impe and his wife citing passages from the scripture and compares what is written to how it relates (in his opinion) to the events going on in the world today.

With the above in mind, the following disclaimers are aired at the top of every broadcast.

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Global Television adheres to the television rating system created by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) and the Action Group on Violence on Television (AGVOT). This six-level rating system is used to classify any levels of violence, language or sex/nudity in all drama, feature film and children's programming broadcast in Canada. This public rating system is intended to advise viewers of a program's content in order to allow

you, the viewer, to determine a program's suitability for your own viewing needs and desires. As required, an on-screen key airs for the first fifteen seconds of the program and matching V-Chip data is encoded into our transmission for the entire duration of the program.

Jack Van Impe Presents is now rated "PG". Programming with this classification may contain themes which might not be suitable for viewers under the age of 8. As well, parents should be aware that there might be elements, such as limited sexual reference or content, which some could consider inappropriate for unsupervised viewing by children in the 8-13 age range. Please note that this rating does not restrict the broadcaster from airing the program prior to the "watershed hour" which is 9:00 pm to 6:00 am and usually reserved for adult content.

We appreciate the time you have taken to contact us and hope we were able to address your concerns. Please note your comments have been passed on to our Programming Department and we hope you continue to enjoy other Global Television programming.

Additional Correspondence

The complainant wrote back to Global on March 18:

Good morning,

You guys missed the point ... you need a warning to parents that kids under 14 should not watch the show because of the violent nature (other countries are going to attack) and misinformation (the end of the world Dec. 21/2012). Who would want their children watching this program? Saying that Global doesn't agree with their point of view does not go far enough. It doesn't protect children. Not everyone has a V-chip.

Global responded the same day:

Everyone does have a V-chip; it is something required by the CRTC and nothing to do with a viewer's television set – it's what broadcasters are required to place before the start of a show. It's the PG that appears in the top left of the screen.

It's similar to going to the movies and they are required to have a PG rating.

The complainant wrote again on March 24:

Good morning,

I took the time Sunday am at 8:30 Central time to see if there was a PG or disclaimer by Global TV before the Jack Van Impe show aired and there was no PG and no disclaimer.

Why even reply if you're just going to give me a bunch of rhetoric about religious freedom of speech. I don't even think you watched the Jan. 24/09 program that I took the time to watch and document as requested by the CBSC. This is not about adults watching this show, it's about children and if you can't see the problem then I will find someone at Global who will.

Perhaps a letter to [Canwest's Corporate Secretary] (of the Human Rights Museum project) with this response from Canwest would be quite effective in getting a warning about the content of the show being inappropriate for children under 14 years of age. Anyone

concerned with human rights would be appalled by the things Van Impe says but they would also be concerned that young children may be exposed to his hate and fear mongering.

... for the folks at CBSC, a nice little read.

The complainant filed his official Ruling Request on March 26:

The response was lame at best ... I don't think they even viewed the show. [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator] actually gave me false information re PG rating and the Global disclaimer before the show. They do not exist. I watched the beginning and there was no PG. She goes on about religious expression, etc. which has nothing to do with my complaint. I don't think she even understands what I'm getting at. The parents of children under 14 need to be warned about the show's content. When you tell your audience the world is going to end on Dec. 21/2012 and that Russia, China, Iran, and N. Korea will band together to attack Israel and the USA and children are watching it is child abuse, you will frighten them. The premise of this show is fear and hate mongering. Also there is bigotry when he tells people that only Christians will survive the carnage. That means if you are a Jew, Muslim, or any non-Christian you will suffer and die.

This is inappropriate content. If the *Family Guy/24/CSI* has a warning then I want the same warning for Van Impe. There are hunting shows that precede Van Impe and they have the warning because you get to see someone shoot a crossbow arrow through a deer's heart.

The complainant sent additional information in a separate e-mail that same day:

I am sending you a copy of my "appeal" I recently filled out at the CBSC site. As I state below, it seems they didn't even watch the show.

The response did not address my concerns for children. I am not going to go away on this issue and it would be a lot easier on Global if I don't go to the press with this. They are more interested in revenue than a child's mental health. If I have to get a psychologist's opinion or the opinion of a mainstream religious person, let's say a United Church minister, and present it, I will. In my past life (before I retired) I was a Social Worker and I still have contacts at child welfare agencies, etc.

The response was lame at best ... I don't think they even viewed the show. [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator] actually gave me false information re PG rating and the Global disclaimer before the show. They do not exist. I watched the beginning and there was no PG. I challenged her on this and received a reply from [Global's Program Planning Manager] (see email below). She goes on about religious expression, etc. which has nothing to do with my complaint. I don't think she even understands what I'm getting at.

The parents of children under 14 need to be warned about the show's content. When you tell your audience the world is going to end on Dec. 21/2012 and that Russia, China, Iran, and N. Korea will band together to attack Israel and the USA and children are watching it is child abuse, you will frighten them. The premise of this show is fear and hate mongering. Also, it is a form of bigotry when he tells people that only Christians will survive the carnage. That means if you are a Jew, Muslim, or any non-Christian you will suffer and die. This is not a mainstream religious program, it is more like a cult. As I see it, if the *Family Guy/24/CSI* has a warning then I want the same warning for Van Impe. There are hunting shows that precede Van Impe and they have the warning because you get to see someone shoot a crossbow arrow through a deer's heart.

Below is [the Program Planning Manager]'s email admitting [the Viewer Relations Coordinator] deceived me; he doesn't get it either. All they have to do is go 1 step further and put the verbal warning so parents who are not watching can at least hear the warning. Saying Global does not condone or agree with the show is not to protect children from content, it is to protect Global from being sued because of the content.

8-year olds are not going to switch channels if they see a PG. We always hear the broadcasters and producers saying it's up to the parents to make sure their children are not watching inappropriate content. Parents need the tools and a verbal warning is a tool.

Email from Program Planning Manager

I'm contacting you in regards to your email about *Jack Van Impe* on Global Winnipeg.

Our Programming Department handles requests for disclaimers and AGVOT ratings. These requests are executed through our Traffic and Operations teams. When you first brought this matter to our attention, we checked and there was a disclaimer that aired before *Jack Van Impe*, just before the :05 second station ID.

We've requested both the AGVOT change and that the disclaimer air :05 seconds later (just prior to the opening of the program and not behind the station ID). This should be in place as of this weekend, but we'll monitor to ensure it goes to air correctly. There is occasionally a delay as each team processes these changes, but we've stressed the importance to adjust this as soon as possible.

I hope this helps clarify your questions about this specific program.

The complainant wrote again on March 30:

Good morning,

Being the diligent person I am, I monitored Global TV, Sunday @ 8:30 am and, lo and behold, the disclaimer and PG were in place. Thank you; however, we all know it is not enough. Here's my reasoning one more time.

I am asking you again on behalf of all non-evangelical children (99% of the pop.), please put the verbal warning ahead of the show just like *Family Guy*. A verbal warning to parents that the content of the show is not appropriate for children under 14. Let's be honest here, parents are not expecting a "religious person" to be spewing hate, fear and bigotry. If you watch the show, you will hear disturbing, empty rhetoric. His insidious message of doom WILL have an effect on a child.

I am a good example. During the Cuban missile crisis in the early 60's when Kennedy stared down the Russians, our school had us hiding under desks during air raid drills. Sirens would go off and everyone would hide. At the same time Garner Ted Armstrong, an evangelical preacher, had a radio show and later a tv show called *The World of Tomorrow*. He was probably the 1st tv evangelist. I was about 9 or 10 at the time, so I knew what was going in the news. It scared me so much that my parents no longer had the radio on at the time of his broadcast. Back then, there were only a few AM stations and 2 tv stations.

GT Armstrong started the whole "compare the news of today with the Bible prophecies" thing. He took advantage of a worldwide crisis (brink of a nuclear war) to promote himself, his books and to spread his brand of Christianity. Bottom line is, he scared people in order to promote himself and of course make piles of money.

Jack Van Impe is a clone of Garner Ted Armstrong.

1. On every show he mentions Dec. 21/2012 as being the day the world ends using biblical prophecies that are twisted to make his point. To add to his credibility, Van Impe makes reference to the Mayan calendar and a The History Channel program on prophecies. This is blatant deception and has nothing to do with his version of the end of the world.
2. He claims that it is written in the Bible (he names chapters, psalms, etc.) that Russia, China, N. Korea and Iran will attack Israel and the West will come to Israel's aid causing a nuclear war ... which leads to the end of the world. I'm paraphrasing of course, but he is hate/fear-mongering.
3. Now here's the killer and this is the bigotry ... ONLY born-again Christians will be saved ... unless you give yourself to Jesus, you will die in a horrible manner. A little harsh, don't you think? According to Jack, if you are a Jew, Muslim, Hindi, Sikh, Native American, Buddhist monk or, heaven forbid, an Atheist, you don't have a chance. That is bigotry, intolerance of those who hold different opinions than oneself. I don't think the Jewish or Muslim parents are going to like that.
4. This one has nothing to do with the warning for under 14-year olds; this is an ethical issue. His only interest is to sell his books and DVDs. I don't see a charitable organization here.

It's simple capitalism ... make as much money as possible no matter what you may do to harm others in the process. There is enough hate/fear-mongering and bigotry in this world, perhaps having the verbal warning will send a message to these types of individuals/companies.

This theme runs throughout his shows, all of them. That is what he does ... frighten people so they buy his books and DVDs. Global already has a disclaimer for a reason ... it is offensive material and you have to cover your legal side. Please do the right thing and put the verbal warning so parents can hear what is going to be broadcast to their children. It is a tool our parents can use effectively and by not providing that tool you are doing the public a disservice.

I am willing to take this issue up with the Canadian Jewish Congress, local Muslim and Sikh leaders as well as moderate Christian churches such as the United Church of Canada. As well, I have appealed Global's decision to the CBSC File C08/09-0691.

I am in the process of writing the CRTC and will use the media if necessary to get the word out.

Once people have realized what is going on, I think Global may have a change of heart. I'm not saying take the show off the air ... just give parents another tool to fight offensive content on TV.

On April 2, the complainant also wrote to the CRTC, which forwarded the correspondence to the CBSC:

I am writing this e-letter to complain about The Jack Van Impe Ministries program that airs every Sunday morning in Winnipeg at 8:30.

I am a social worker (now retired) and have some knowledge of child abuse issues. This show is not suitable for anyone under the age of 14 and there needs to be a verbal warning that this program is not suitable for that age group. Currently there is only a Global disclaimer about the content and a PG icon on the top left hand corner for 15 seconds. At this time of day a lot of children are watching tv unattended. Even though a parent may be in the house, they will not see the PG and [the] disclaimer only says Global does not agree with Jack Van Impe's views.

The premise of the show is as follows: Rexella Van Impe (wife) starts the show by reviewing the week's news. Jack later joins in, integrating the news with Bible prophecies about the end of the world. He even has a date for the end ... Dec. 21/2012 which he repeats on every show as he tries to sell his DVDs and books on the subject.

The show also instills fear and hate as well as bigotry. The message is insidious. He predicts that after Russia, Iran, China, N. Korea attack Israel there will be a world war ... "the most terrible war ever" he states, and "only those of you who have Jesus in your heart will be saved" (I'm paraphrasing). Thus, if you are not a born-again Christian, you will die and surely will not go to heaven. Bigotry is the exclusion of a person or group because of their religion or race. The intolerance of those who hold different opinions from oneself. That is all the show is about: fear, hate and intolerance. They don't run food banks or other charitable organizations; it's only a money-making scheme that has no bounds when it comes to scaring children (or adults for that matter) into donating money.

Thank you for your time,

The broadcaster then sent the complainant an e-mail on May 26:

We received several voicemails from you last night and wish to correct your notion that the Jack Van Impe show is an infomercial. It is not an infomercial – it is paid US religious programming and as such does not fall under the purview of Advertising Standards Canada with whom you wish to file another complaint.

I would like to remind you that we have already responded to your complaint and you subsequently requested adjudication by the CBSC Secretariat. This matter is now in process with the CBSC.

The complainant responded to that e-mail the same day:

Good afternoon all,

Thank you for your quick response.

It's an infomercial no matter how you want to colour it. No advertiser would pay Global to sponsor that show, it's too risky. I guess that is why you have the disclaimer, but what do I know.

When someone pays a network to air a program that preys on people's fears in order to sell books and DVDs, but does nothing to better society like most religions at least try to do ... it's a scam and Global Winnipeg is part of it. There is nothing religious about Jack Van Impe; he only preaches doom and gloom in order to scare folks into buying his goods. Think about it

... his show airs in Wpg. every Sunday 8:30 am, adults and children watch, get scared, send in money for DVDs and he gives Global its share and the rest stays in the USA.

There must be a profit to be made in Winnipeg because I don't see (I have Bell Satellite) Van Impe aired on other Global stations around Canada. In fact, if you Google "Van Impe" you will discover he has been taken off several US stations because of his message. It's not a freedom of religion or freedom of speech issue; that's just a smokescreen Global puts up to make money.

It's unfortunate that Global TV needs to get revenue from such a fear-monger and bigot. Would you air a program of any kind by the aryan nation or some doomsday cult? When you look at it there is no difference; he's a hybrid. His message is Christians (not Jews, not Muslims) will be saved from eternal suffering and the end of the world which he says (cult-like) will happen on 12/21/2012.

He continually warns us to beware of Russia, China, Iran and Syria; according to "Jack's Bible" they are going to attack Israel. By comparing various chapters of the Bible – and this is the devious part – he takes news headlines from the past week and puts them in such a context as to make Bible prophecies and scripture about the end of the world sound real. Also, to correct your exaggerations, I left one voicemail on [Global's Program Planning Manager]'s line and one on [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator]'s v.m. this morning, not several last night as you incorrectly state.

Global wrote again on May 27:

Wanting a program to be classified as an infomercial does not make it so. The Jack Van Impe show is a paid US religious program – it is logged as such with the CRTC. It is not an infomercial. There are requirements for airing religious programming – all of which we follow. Obviously you are not willing to see any other point of view but your own, therefore we will not be responding to any further attempts to contact Global Television. This matter is before the CBSC for adjudication.

The complainant continued the dialogue with the station on May 28:

At least you can agree that I didn't call several times like you said I did. Exaggerating to make a case is unprofessional to say the least, similar to tv evangelists. How ironic.

As far as I'm concerned, Global has never responded to my complaints in a professional way and telling me you are going to ignore my concerns on this social issue just proves my point. Unfortunately I think you are misleading me and I don't believe you. Perhaps a better explanation or definition of an infomercial vs. "Paid US religious programming" would have helped but again there's that professional issue.

He also wrote directly to the CBSC:

I'm sure you have read the emails that Global and I have exchanged over the past couple of days as they are being cc'd to you by Global and myself.

I find it interesting that they are so defensive/hostile towards me. During the last exchange, I was simply trying to get Global's definition or a reasonable explanation of what a US Paid Religious Program vs. an infomercial is.

If they had actually watched the program, they would see it is set up to sell Van Impe's books and DVDs. I'm going to call the Advertising Standards people to get their view; maybe the law needs to be changed to cover shows like this.

Also, I want to make sure the latest emails from [Global's Manager of Regulatory Affairs] get entered into the file. These emails are unprofessional and simply make the situation worse. For example ...

"There are requirements for airing religious programming – all of which we follow." What are these guidelines? Vague answers will not satisfy my concerns and just make me more determined to get this show off the air, never mind a parental warning. The more I look into this matter, the more suspicious I get.

My correspondence with Global has always been firm but fair and I have never personally attacked [the Viewer Relations Coordinator], [the Program Planning Manager] or [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs], all of whom I have had contact with. As a matter of fact, [the Program Planning Manager] emailed me first re PG ratings.

[The Manager of Regulatory Affairs] calling me narrow-minded ...

"Obviously you are not willing to see any other point of view but your own, therefore we will not be responding to any further attempts to contact Global Television"

is outrageous and uncalled for. Not to mention an earlier email in which she makes it sound like I'm harassing poor Global TV: "We received several voicemails from you last night". This is proven to be untrue and she simply exaggerated to make a point. I had left one voicemail for [the Program Planning Manager] and one for [the Viewer Relations Coordinator] re infomercials.

It's ironic that the Aspers who own Global are sponsoring the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg.

The Jack Van Impe program flies in the face of human rights as it promotes bigotry, fear and hate.

The folks at Global TV just don't seem to get it. No other Canadian TV network airs shows as offensive as Jack Van Impe and many US stations have taken it off the air. I guess this is only the beginning of a long arduous task for me to get Van Impe off the air.

Global sent an e-mail directly to the CBSC (and copied the complainant) to clarify the issue of the voicemails:

To clear the air, [the complainant] left two very hostile and threatening voicemails to our staff. My email was in response to those voicemails because he quite clearly was not willing to accept that other people enjoy the Van Impe program. As you know, I've pointed out to him that this matter is under consideration by the CBSC, yet he continues to email and accuse Global of being involved in some sort of scam conspiracy whereby we get a "share" of van Impe's sales.

All further emails from [the complainant] will be sent to you without response from Global. We look forward to your determination,

The complainant wrote to the CBSC to argue his case about the voicemails:

I need you to get those voice mails for the file ... they were not threatening ... anyone can say anything without evidence. If she is going to write you and make accusations, then I want you to listen to the voicemails and I would like copies. She has already exaggerated the number of voicemails and the time, now she is making stuff up. Maybe she's running scared for calling me narrow-minded, which in my books is an insult. If one of my employees called a customer narrow-minded, they would be fired.

I guess thanks to [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] you are now officially in the middle of this, so you can tell Global Management I want an apology for the insult since they will ignore my emails.

"He continues to email and accuse Global of being involved in some sort of scam conspiracy whereby we get a 'share' of van Impe's sales."

I said that Van Impe pays Global to air the show ... period ... I have never accused Global of getting a "share" of the profits. I said that Global viewers pay Van Impe for his books/DVDs and this in turn pays for the air time from Global. No conspiracy here, just bad taste in programming.

Either [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] can't read and comprehend what she is reading or she is deliberately misleading you.

She is also trying to make me look foolish which won't work because there are emails, some replies to Global's emails and 2 voicemails which, if heard and read by management, would not look good on her. She makes it sound like I'm harassing Global, inundating them with threatening voicemails and hundreds of emails.

You have read the complaint and emails. I was calling them for an explanation on infomercials, asked [the Program Planning Manager]/[the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] to call me back on my home phone. I received an email reply saying Van Impe was a US Religious Paid Programming. I don't work in TV so I'm not familiar with that, so I asked and got nothing but an insult.

The CBSC then wrote back to the complainant, explaining that it cannot address his concerns about the voicemails:

The CBSC cannot deal with ANY off-air content. We only review the broadcast in question as well as the written correspondence between the complainant and broadcaster. Please rest assured that we are currently dealing with your file and will get back to you regarding the issues which bothered you in the show. I appreciate your patience at this time, as I know it can take a while for us to complete our process.

The complainant wrote back to the CBSC:

Hi again,

What about her accusations about threatening email? ... How do I defend myself if I can't contact them? ... Unless of course I go over her head to the general manager and complain about her unprofessionalism or have my lawyer involved. A person cannot make an accusation without evidence. I need a copy of those voicemails for [the] CBSC panel to hear so they can determine that [Global's Manager of Regulatory Affairs] et al are out of line.

Listen to *God Talk* Sunday night on CJOB, a CORUS radio station, right-wing as all get-out. They are going to bring up the subject and read my letter. The good news is the media is about to get involved. Someone is listening.

Thanks for listening.

The CBSC addressed some of his concerns in an e-mail on May 29:

I understand that you and Global are having some communication problems. Since the CBSC cannot do anything regarding the voicemails or any other non-written communication, might I suggest that you send your future comments about Global or to Global through us in written form. As for taking these recent e-mails to Panel, you need not worry because personal messages regarding behaviour do not influence whether or not a broadcast has breached a Code. None of the personal content of these last e-mails between yourself and Global is being taken into account.

Again, thank you for your patience.

The complainant replied to that e-mail on May 30:

Hi,

"Communication problems": Come on, [CBSC Communications Coordinator], she slandered me and lied. Not having the emails entered only protects Global and [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs], thus CBSC is protecting them from any future legal action.

I want the e-mails to be included because I have nothing to worry about and it shows [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs]'s (Global's) unprofessional attitude towards me, including calling me narrow-minded. I have been civil in this case, worked hard to prove my point and [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] has been rude, has lied to both of us and now is trying to cover her tracks by attacking me. Why is Global so resistant to placing a verbal warning to parents (airs Sunday morning at 8:30) that a message of hate, fear and bigotry is about to begin. That's all I ask, a tool to protect children.

You once told me all communication would be included in the case and I want her accusatory emails and the so called "very threatening" and "non-existent" late night voicemails included and I believe you have the power to get them. Maybe the CBSC's lawyers can demand them.

The host of *God Talk* has asked me for all the correspondence I have had with CBSC and Global which I will hand over today. I think there are some legitimate Christians that are ticked off with Global and Van Impe Ministries' message and it makes a great story.

Again, sorry you are in the middle, but you can thank [Global's Manager of Regulatory Affairs] for that; it wasn't my play.

As per your suggestion please pass this email on to [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs]'s supervisor (general manager) and please cc a copy to [Canwest's CEO]. I look forward to a response from management; it will be interesting.

He then sent a copy of his complaint to Advertising Standards Canada:

Please add the complaint to the Advertising Standards to my file 08/09-0691.

Advertising Standards Canada has received your Online Complaints Submission as summarized below. If you have any questions or comments regarding this submission, please respond by reply e-mail.

ASC carefully reviews all Complaints Submissions and responds by Canada Post.

Thank you for using the Complaints Response System.

Advertising Standards Canada

Advertisement Information:

Advertiser/Brand Name: Jack Van Impe Ministries

Product: Books, DVDs

Description: infomercial praying on fears and superstitions to sell books and DVDs.

Media Information:

Media: Global TV Winnipeg

Viewing Date: every Sunday

Complaint:

The Jack Van Impe Ministries is a TV Evangelical infomercial. Unlike most mainstream religious programming, this infomercial is based on fear, hate and bigotry, not peace, love and tolerance that genuine, responsible religious programming provides. The premise of the Jack Van Impe Ministries is as follows: The infomercial starts with Jack Van Impe's wife Rexella reading the news from the previous week's headlines. Jack then deviously bastardizes the news to make the biblical prophecies sound relevant with today's events. For example the H1N1 outbreak was a sign of pestilence, Iran's threatening Israel is a warning of war, and N. Korea's belligerence towards the USA means that the end is coming soon because N. Korea has nukes AND missiles.

Van Impe predicts the world will end on 21/12/2012. He points out that Russia, N. Korea and Iran are treacherous and a danger to Israel and the West. The end will come when America defends Israel and there is "the most terrible of wars and all will die EXCEPT born-again Christians". So in his words if a person is a Jew, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhism [sic] etc. he/she will die. This is bigotry. Excluding someone because their beliefs are different than yours. After scaring folks with his doom and gloom he tries to sell his books/DVDs about the end of the world and how you can save yourself (simple, you become a born-again Christian). His end-of-days prediction is akin to doomsday cults who predict the end of the world or, to the extreme, the aryan nation saying only whites should live. When you take away the religious smokescreen, one can see there is no difference.

As I have previously stated, this program is not a religious program, it is an infomercial under the guise of a religious program. The message is the same every week: fear, hate, intolerance, bigotry and buy our merchandise. Advertising Standards rule 11 Superstitions and Fears applies to this situation. Advertisements must not exploit superstitions or play upon fears to mislead the consumer. This show exists on people's superstition and fears by selling books and DVDs after scaring them into thinking the end is near. I feel children, the elderly and infirm are affected negatively and are targets of Van Impe. This infomercial is aired Sunday mornings at 8:30 when children are watching cartoons and adventure shows. They don't need to come across some doom and gloom bigot and be frightened by his rants.

It seems only the Winnipeg market gets to watch Van Impe sell his snake oil which means other stations deem it inappropriate. Or perhaps because of the ethnic diversity of centres like Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal there would be an outcry from other religious groups citing bigotry.

I confirm that neither I nor any member of my household has any affiliation with a competitor of the advertiser or the advertiser's advertising agency.

I give consent to ASC to disclose my name, contact information, and a copy of this complaint to ASC and the Consumer Response Council for the purpose of reviewing the complaint, and for the purpose of providing further information about ASC's activities. I also give consent to ASC to disclose my name, contact information, and a copy of this complaint to the advertiser for the purpose of responding to my concerns.

And then he sent the CBSC an e-mail he requested be sent on to Canwest's CEO:

Please forward this synopsis of my dealings with Global and the CBSC to [the CEO] at Global Canwest.

Mr. [CEO]

Canwest Global

Dear Sir,

I think you will find the following information I provided to Corus and CJOB's religious program called *God Talk* a concern for Global TV.

Recently, I have had asked Global to insert a verbal warning before the Jack Van Impe Ministries show (an infomercial) and have received nothing but insults, exaggerations and lies from [Global's Manager of Regulatory Affairs]. These emails were also forwarded to [Global's Executive Assistant for Regulatory Affairs] and [the Communications Coordinator] from the CBSC thus raising other issues. I find her behaviour in dealing with my concern over child abuse, fear/hate-mongering and bigotry unprofessional and disconcerting. Please take the time to read the following correspondences between myself, [Global's Manager of Regulatory Affairs] and the CBSC.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Letter to Corus and CJOB's *God Talk*

Good morning,

I have attached and copied some of the correspondence starting with my complaint and Global's response. When the CBSC forwarded my complaint, Global was supposed to make sure they have a copy of the program I flagged and watch the "infomercial" and give me a response on why they agree or disagree with me. I don't think [the Viewer Relations Coordinator] from Global viewed the program before she sent me a written decision, which I immediately appealed. It takes 5 months to have the CBSC panel review my appeal, which is ridiculous. Not only that, but the CRTC won't hear my complaint until CBSC is done with my file.

[He pasted a copy of his original complaint on the CBSC webform & a link to a PDF of Global's response to him.]

[The Viewer Relations Coordinator] from Global:

My critique:

Reading her response leads me to believe she did not watch the show. She is simply justifying Global's decision to take money from a bigot. If she had any sensitivity to other religions or groups of people or children, she would have realized I had a point. If someone watches this infomercial and cannot see the intolerance and fear that is preached, then I think they have a problem as well. Notice Global even has a disclaimer at the end of the show not the beginning. "The opinions expressed in the following program are those of the participant and do not necessarily reflect those of Global Television."

Then she said there was a PG rating (located in the upper left-hand corner for 15 seconds at the start of the program). At the time there wasn't a PG at all. The following email from [Global's Program Planning Manager] explains how they "misplaced the PG". The PG rating can also be found on the tv show *Driving Television*, which is about car reviews, hybrids and car care. Why? Just shows us that they are pretty lame at Global when it comes to following programming guidelines.

[He pasted Global's Program Planning Manager's e-mail to him; followed by the CBSC's acknowledgment of receipt of his Ruling Request.]

I later realized I may have another angle ... using the Advertising Standards rule 11:

"Advertisements must not exploit superstitions or play upon fears to mislead the consumer".

I called [Global's Program Planning Manager] and [Viewer Relations Coordinator] and left a message basically stating I think they are breaking the advertising standards article 11. I may have sounded like "I gottcha on this one" but I was not threatening like [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] attests. I asked them to explain and call me. I left my home #. This is the email I received from [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs]:

[He pasted the e-mail he received from the Manager of Regulatory Affairs stating that the program is not considered an infomercial.]

Notice the huge exaggeration which makes me sound like I'm harassing her at home! As I stated, I left 2 voicemails; the calls "at night" didn't happen.

[He pasted his reply to Global and Global's subsequent e-mail in which they indicated they would not be responding to him further.]

This email is offensive, rude and libelous. She called me narrow-minded and then shuts me out. How ironic, me not seeing other people's views. Notice I have never attacked any of Global's employees' characters. The next email from [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] is downright inane.

This email is from [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] to the CBSC's [Communications Coordinator], way out of line to be accusing me of a disdainful act to another professional, I call it SLANDER.

[He pasted the e-mail that Global sent to the CBSC which mentioned the complainant's "hostile and threatening" voicemails.]

First of all "very hostile" and "threatening voice mails" ... she has gone over the top, off the edge so to speak, running scared because of her previous email calling me narrow-minded. Saying that I am a conspiracy theorist is laughable. I have stated that Van Impe pays Global to air the show; that's their cut, and Van Impe gets his revenue from people in Winnipeg who buy his books and DVDs on the end of the world (only one of his many insidious messages of doom). It's a scam no matter how you look at it and Global is part of it.

[He then pasted the 2 e-mails he sent to the CBSC stating his position on the "hostile" voicemail issue and asking the CBSC to get copies of those voicemails; the CBSC's reply to those requests; and his reply to the CBSC.]

As you can see, all I wanted was an explanation on what the difference is between US Paid Religious Programming and an infomercial. I tried with Global, but as you can see they did nothing to alleviate my concerns or explain their rationale; they made it worse. Global is using "religious programming" to get away with breaking broadcasting rules and regulations, period. I was told Fox broadcast the show in the middle of the night when only weirdos are up, lol.

When [the Manager of Regulatory Affairs] says "some people like Jack Van Impe" is like saying some people like neo-Nazis and skinheads or some people like to deny the Holocaust. It doesn't make it okay ... this is the kind of logic that drives me crazy!

Well that's all I have ... maybe you could have your listeners email Global or the CBSC if they agree with me that there should be a verbal warning before the Jack Van Impe Ministries "infomercial".

I will make myself available Sunday if you think it will help the cause.

The CBSC wrote back to the complainant on June 1 reiterating that it can only deal with on-air content, not any concerns he has with voicemails and the e-mails that went back and forth regarding those voicemails. The CBSC did, however, forward the above e-mail on to its contact people at Global as per the complainant's request (though not to Global's CEO, since the CBSC does not have contact information for him specifically).

On June 3, the complainant noted a second broadcast that concerned him, so the CBSC opened a new file (08/09-1774):

To the panel:

On Sunday May 31/09 at 8:30 am on Global TV, Winnipeg, Jack Van Impe host and founder of the Jack Van Impe Ministries Presents (infomercial) looked into the camera and said

"Christianity is at war with Islam". Not Islamic terrorists but 1 billion people of Muslim faith. Inflammatory, untrue and bigoted, these statements need to be taken seriously.

The broadcaster replied to the new complaint on June 25:

We are in receipt of your letter via the CBSC regarding Global Television's broadcast of *Jack Van Impe Presents*, Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 8:30 am on CKND Global Winnipeg.

In your letter, you have expressed concerns regarding a statement made by Jack Van Impe during the program.

As per our previous correspondence with you regarding this show, as responsible broadcasters, we are sensitive to the members of our viewing audience and we apologize if this show offended you; I assure you that it was not our intention to do so.

Under the *Broadcasting Act*, broadcasters are required to provide a broad spectrum of entertainment and information programming for "men, women and children of all ages, interests and tastes". Television programming is required to be diverse and appealing to a wide range of audiences. Before we decide to broadcast a program, our Programming Department screens it to ensure it is suitable for broadcast. The determination of suitability includes ensuring that the broadcast would not contravene applicable broadcast laws and industry codes including, but not limited to, the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' (CAB) *Code of Ethics*, *Equitable Portrayal Code for Television and Radio Programming*, and *CAB Violence Code*. As a result, what one viewer might consider an interesting or informative program might lead another to turn the channel.

Clause 8 of the Canadian Association of Broadcasters' (CAB) *Code of Ethics* states:

Broadcasters should endeavour to make available to the community adequate opportunity for presentation of religious messages and should also endeavour to assist in all ways open to them the furtherance of religious activities in the community.

Jack Van Impe Presents is a religious program featuring American televangelist Jack Van Impe, expressing his individual opinions.

With the above in mind, the following disclaimers are aired at the top of every broadcast.

'The opinions expressed in the following program are those of the participant and do not necessarily reflect those of Global Television.'

Global Television adheres to the television rating system created by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB) and the Action Group on Violence on Television (AGVOT). This six-level rating system is used to classify any levels of violence, language or sex/nudity in all drama, feature film and children's programming broadcast in Canada. This public rating system is intended to advise viewers of a program's content in order to allow you, the viewer to determine a program's suitability for your own viewing needs and desires. As required, an on-screen key airs for the first fifteen seconds of the program and matching V-Chip data is encoded into our transmission for the entire duration of the program.

Jack Van Impe Presents is rated "PG". Programming with this classification may contain themes which might not be suitable for viewers under the age of 8. Programming within this classification might address controversial themes or issues. As well, parents should be aware that there might be elements, such as limited sexual reference or content, which some could consider inappropriate for unsupervised viewing by children in the 8-13 age range. As you already know, this rating does not restrict the broadcaster from airing the program prior to the "watershed hour" which is 9:00 pm to 6:00 am and usually reserved for adult content.

While the themes and discussions of *Jack Van Impe Presents* may be considered controversial at times, as a conventional broadcaster, we present a varying degree of opinions and beliefs. That said, we do not feel that we have contravened any broadcast Codes or guidelines.

However, we contacted the producers of the show and asked that they be more objective in their statements. If you still have issues with the program, you may want to discuss them directly with the producers.

The complainant filed his Ruling Request for this new complaint on July 8:

In what way is a statement such as "Christianity is at war with Islam" religious content? It is nothing but an inflammatory statement by a bigot. Two weeks later he said "Muslims hate Jews". I take it Global's okay with that also. It is the same kind of message that any hate group would promote. I cannot for the life of me understand why you cannot see this.

I emailed [the CBSC Communications Coordinator] with this issue simply to add it to my previous complaint for the CBSC panel to read ... I did not open another complaint so this exercise is moot. However, again, [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator], your response is not only inept, but it does not answer the question of why you air such hate. Why can't Global simply put the parental warning to protect children? How hard is that? Why does Global reject such a logical request.

Again, this was not a formal complaint. [CBSC Communications Coordinator], please just add my previous letter to you re "Christianity is at war with Islam" to my file for the panel to review.

The CBSC acknowledged receipt of that Ruling Request and assured him that all correspondence for both files would be reviewed by the Panel. He wrote back on July 8:

Hi,

Thanks for the info.

It is very important that the secretariat know about the latest statements Jack Van Impe has made. His rhetoric has escalated to the point where he is inciting hatred and perhaps physical harm on the Muslim population of Canada. This is not a matter to be dealt with in 6 months time and you said in an earlier email that I could add pertinent facts.

Again, Jack van Impe has stated that:

1. "Christianity is at war with Islam"
2. "Muslims hate Jews"

You cannot say that on TV in Canada even under the guise of religious programming (or infomercial); maybe in Iran, but not here.

If you can't add it to the original file, I'll need to file an appeal.

The CBSC informed him that it would need the date and time of the episode in which Van Impe allegedly stated "Muslims hate Jews". He did not provide that information, but did send additional comments on September 17:

Please find attached a file with additional information for the council to consider. I find it very distressing that Global is trying to deceive me. Now it makes sense why [Global's Manager of Regulatory Affairs] and [Viewer Relations Coordinator] et al are so hostile towards me. They are breaking clause 8 of CAB [*Code of Ethics*] and know it, and just for a few dollars.

To the Council,

I have important additional information to bring forward.

Recently, I reviewed [the Viewer Relations Coordinator]'s (Global TV) reply to my complaint about Jack Van Impe Ministries being inappropriate for children and there being need for a verbal parental warning. [The Viewer Relations Coordinator] used Clause 8 of CAB [*Code of Ethics*] to justify Global's airing of Jack Van Impe Ministries. That is fine, BUT she failed to add the second paragraph of Clause 8.

Clause 8 - Religious Programming

[Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator]'s response:

Broadcasters should endeavour to make available to the community adequate opportunity for presentation of religious messages and should also endeavour to assist in all ways open to them the furtherance of religious activities in the community.

She left this part out:

Recognizing the purpose of the religious broadcast to be that of promoting the spiritual harmony and understanding of humanity and of administering broadly to the varied religious needs of the community, it shall be the responsibility of each broadcaster to ensure that its religious broadcasts, which reach persons of all creeds and races simultaneously, shall not be used to convey attacks upon another race or religion.

The Jack Van Impe Ministries "infomercial" is all about attacking other religions, people, and ways of life. There is nothing spiritual about this program.

Perhaps she simply forgot to add the part that makes Global look guilty of breaking Clause 8 of CAB [*Code of Ethics*].

On May 31/09 I made a complaint to Global through CBSC (C08/09-1774) that Jack Van Impe had stated on his program that "Christianity is at war with Islam". I received the same reply from [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator] and again she left out the second paragraph of Clause 8. So this is a pattern, not a mistake. Two weeks later Van Impe stated "Muslims hate Jews". I didn't bother to complain; why waste my time?

One has to wonder why they can't simply add the verbal warning. No child should be subjected to this horrible excuse for religious programming. I think the show should be relegated to the 2 am to 4 am time slot or forced off the air.

Since [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator]'s deceptive reply has allowed me to add information, I would like to state that I emailed Van Impe Ministries and asked them if they did any "religious activities" in Canada. I have yet to receive an answer, so I went to Van Impe's website, www.jvim.com, and read that they do nothing in Canada ... no shelters, food banks, counseling, no spiritual harmony ... nothing except take our money for the DVDs he sells by scaring people. I guess Global makes out okay as Van Impe Ministries pays them to air the show.

How do I know if the council has received my new info? Are there transcripts of the decision?

After dealing with [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator] and [Manager of Regulatory Affairs], I just can't trust the broadcast community to do the right thing.

The complainant sent a request for an update on the status of his file on October 5:

It's been over 7 months since I appealed Global's response to my complaint about Jack Van Impe Ministries.

I understood it would take 6 months.

I would like a response that CBSC received my last letter re [Global's Viewer Relations Coordinator] deception on Clause 8 of CAB [*Code of Ethics*]. I'd like to make sure the panel will read it.

Global has broken both CAB and Advertising Standards code of ethics by airing Van Impe's garbage. BUT they do make money ... which is sad.

The CBSC acknowledged receipt of that e-mail and the previous one. It also assured him that his files were being dealt with, but that unfortunately the CBSC was experiencing some delays. He e-mailed to thank the CBSC for the update.